

¶ANNO PRIMO EDVVARDI SEXTI.

¶STATVTES

made in the Parliament be-

gon at Westminster the fowerthe daye of Nouember, in the first yeare of the reigne of the moste dreade Soueraine lord EDWARD the. VI. By the grace of God, kinge of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendoure of the faith, and of the Churche of Englande, and also of Irelande in erthe the supreme hed and from thence continued to the xviiii. daye of Decembre then next ensuyng, that is to say in the first Session of the same Parliament, as followeth.

AN Acte agaynſt ſuche as ſhall vnreuerentlye ſpeake againſt the Sacrament of the body and bloud of Chryſt, commonly called the Sacrament of the aulter, & for the receiuyng therof in both kindes. Chapitre.i

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¶ *An Acte againſt ſuche perſons as ſhall vnreuerentlye* ſpeake againſt the Sacrament of the body and bloud of Chriſte, commonly called the Sacrament of the Aulter: & for the receiuyng therof vnder both kindes.

¶ The firſt Chapiter.

THE kinges moſte excellent Maieſty minding the gouernaunce & order of his moſt louing ſubiects to be in moſte perfite vnitie and concord, in al thinges, & in eſpecial, in the true faith & Religion of God, & wiſhinge the ſame to be brought to paſſe with all clemency and mercy, on his highneſſe parte towardes them, as his moſte Princely ſerenity & Maieſtye hath alreadye declared by euident proufe to thintent that hys moſt louing ſubiects prouoked by clemency & goodneſſe of their Prince & kyng, ſhall ſtudye rather for loue, thē for feare to doe theire duties, firſt to almighty God, & then to his highneſſe & the common wealth, nouriſhyng concord & loue emong them ſelues: yet cōſidereth & perceyueth that in a multitude al bee not on that ſort, that reaſon and the knowledge of their duityes cā moue them from offence, but many, which had neede haue ſome bridle of feare, & that the ſame be men moſte contencious & arrogante for the moſte parte, or elles moſt blinde & ignoraunt: by the meanes of whych ſort of men, many thinges well & godlye inſtituted, & to thedificacion of many, be peruerted & abuſed, & turned to their own & others gret loſſe & hinderaunce, & ſome time to extreme deſtruccion: the which doth appeare in nothing more or ſoner, then in matters of Religion, and in the great & high miſteries therof, as in the moſte comfortable Sacrament of the body & bloud of our ſauiour Jeſus Chriſte, commonly called the Sacramente of the Aulter, and in ſcripture, the ‡Supper and *Table of the Lord, the ‡ Communion *and partaking of the body and bloud of Chriſte: which Sacrament was inſtituted of no leſſe authority, then of our Sauiour, both God & man, when at his laſt ſupper emongſt his Apoſtles he did take ẏ bread into his holy hands, & did ſay ‡ Take you & eate, this is my body, which is *geuen & ‡broken for you. And taking vp ẏ *chalice or cup, did ‡geue thāks & ſay, This is my bloud of the newe teſtamēt, which is ſhed for you *& for many, for the remiſſion of ſinnes, ẏ ‡whenſoeuer we ſhould do ẏ ſame, we ſhould do it in ẏ remēbrāce of hym, & to declare & ſet forth his death & moſt glorious paſſiō, vntil his cōming. Of ẏ which *bread, whoſoeuer eateth, or of ẏ which cup whoſoeuer drynketh vnworthely, eateth & drinketh condēpnacion & iudgement to him ſelfe, making no differēce of the Lordes body. The inſtitucion of which Sacramente being ordeyned by Chryſte, as is before ſaid, and the ſaide woordes ſpoken of it here before rehearſed, being of eternal, infallible, & vndoubted trueth: yet the ſaid Sacramēt (al this notwithſtanding) hath been of late meruelouſly abuſed by ſuche ma-

‡ i. Cor. ii.
* i. Cor. 8
‡ i. Cor. 10.
* i. Cor. 18
‡ Math. 26.
* Luke. 22
‡ i. Cor. 11
* Math. 26.
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‡ Marke. 14.
* Luke. 22
‡ Marke. 14
* Math. 26
‡ i. Cor. 11
* i. Cor. 11.

ner of men before rehearsed, who of wickednesse, or els of ignorannce & want of learning for certein abuses, heretofore, committed of some, in misusing therof, haue condempned in their hartes and speche, ỳ whole thing, and contemptеously depraued, despised, or reuiled the same most holy and blessed Sacrament, and not onely disputed & reasoned vnreuerently and vngodly of that most high misterye, but also in theire sermons: preachinges, readinges, lectures, communications, arguments, talkes, rimes, songes, plaies, or gestes, name, or call it by suche vile and vnsemely woordes, as Christian eares doe abhorre to heare rehersed: for reformacion whereof be it enacted by the kings highnesse with the assent of the Lordes spirytual and temporall, & of the commens in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthority of the same, that whatsoeuer persone or persons, from, and after the first daye of May next comming, shall deprаue, despise or contemne the saide most blessed Sacrament, in contempt thereof by any contempteous woords, or by any wordes of deprauing, despising, or reuiling: or what person, or persons, shal aduisedly in any otherwise contemne, despise, or reuile ỳ saide most blessed Sacrament, contrary to the effectes, & declaracion aboue saide, that then he, or they, shall suffer imprisonment, of his, or their bodies & make fine & raunsome at the kinges wil & pleasure.

And for full and effectual execucion of the premisses before deuysed, ordeined and enacted by this act: be it furthermore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that immediatly after the first day of May next comming, the Justices of peace, or three of them at ỳ least wherof one of them to be of the Quorum, in euery shire of this Realme and Wales, and al other places within the kings dominions, shal haue ful power and aucthoritie by vertue of this act, aswel to take informacion and accusacion by thothes and depositions of twoe able, honest, & leful persons at the least, and after suche accusacion, or informacion so had to enquire by the othes of .xii. men, in euery their .iiii. quarter sessyons perely to be holden, of al and singuler such accusacions, or informacions to be had, or made of any of the offenses aboue saide, to be committed, or done after the saide first day of May, within the limits of theire commission: and that vpon euery such accusacion and informacion, the offendour, and offendours shalbe inquired of, & indicted before the said Justices of peace, or three of thē at ỳ least, as is afore saide, of the said cōtemptes and offences, by the verdict of .xii. honest, and indifferent men if the matter of the said accusacion & informacion shal seme to the saide Jury good and true.

And it is also further enacted by the aucthoritie afore saide, that the saide Justices of peace, or three of them at the least, as is afore said, before whom any suche presentment, informacion, and accusacion shall be made, or taken, as is afore saide, shall examine the accusors, what other witnesse were by, and present at the time of the doing and committing

of thoffence: wherof the informacion, accusacion, & presentment shalbe made, and how many others then the accusors, haue knowledge therof: and shal haue power and auctoritie, by their discretions, to bind by recognisaunce to be taken before them aswell the said accusours, as all suche other persones, whom the same accusoures shall declare to haue knowlege of the offences by them presented & informed euery of them in fiue poundes to the king, to appeare before ỹ said Justices of peace before whom the offendour, or offendors shalbe tried at the day of trial and delyuerance of suche offendours.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayd Justices of Peace, or three of them at the least, as is aboue said, by vertue of this acte, shall haue full power and auctoritie to make processe agaynste euerye persone & persones so indicted by two Capias & an exigent, and by Capias vtlagat, aswell within the lymytes of their cõmission, as into al other Shieres & places of this realme, Wales, and other the kinges dominions, aswel wythin the libertyes as without, & the same processe to be good and effectual in the law to al intents, constructions and purposes, & vppon the apparaunce of any of the offendours, shall haue full power & auctoritye by vertue of this acte, and the commission of peace, to determyne the contempees and offences aforesaid, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, and effectes of thys acte: and that the said Justices of peace, or three of them at the least, as is aboue sayd, shall haue full power and auctoritye to let anye suche persone, or persones so indicted, vppon sufficyent suerties, bytheir discretions, to baile, for their apparaunce to be tried, according to the tenour, fourme, & effect of thys acte.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, that the said Justices of peace or three of them at the least, at their quarter Sessions, where any offẽdour or offendours shalbe, or stande indicted of any of the contemptes, or offences aboue saide, shall directe & awarde one writte in the kinges name to the Bishop of the Diocese, wherin the sayde offence or offẽces are supposed to be committed, or done willynge and requiring the said Bishop to be in his owne persone, or by his Chauncellour, or other his sufficyent deputye learned, at the quarter Sessions in the said County to be holden when, & where the saide offendeur shalbee arreigned and tried, appointing to them in the sayd writ the day and place of the sayd arraignement, whiche writte shalbe of this fourme: Rex &c. Epo L. Salutem. Præcipimus tibi, quod tu, Cancellarius tuus, vel alius Deputatus tuus sufficient eruditus, sitis cum Iusticiarijs nostris ad pacem in com nro B. conseruand' assignat apud D. tali die, ad Sessionem nostram, ad tunc & ibm tenend' ad dand' consiliũ & aduisament' eisdem Iusticiarijs nostris ad pacẽ super arrainment & deliberationem offendent' contra formã statuti, cõcernẽ sacro sanctum Sacramentum Altaris.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the auctority abouesaide

that no persone or persones shalbe indicted of any of the contempts, or offences abouesayd, but onely of such contempts, or offences, as shal be doone, or perpetrated within three monethes next after the said offences, or offence so committed or done.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesaide, that in al tryalles for any suche offendours before the saide Justices, as is aforesaid the persone or persones being complained on and arraigned, shall be admitted to purge or trie his, or their innocencie, by as many, or more witnesses in number & of as good honestye and credence, as the witnesses be, whithe deposed against him, or any of them.

And for abnuche as it is more agreable, both to the first institucyon of the saide Sacrament, of the moste precious bodye and bloud of our Sauiour Jesus Christ, and also more conformable to the common vse and practise both of the Apostles, and of the primatiue Churche, by the space of fiue hundreth yeres, and more, after Christs ascention, that the saide blessed Sacrament should be ministred to al Christyan people vnder bothe the kyndes of bread & wine, then vnder the fourme of bread onely: and also it is more agreable to the first institucion of Christ, and to the vsage of the Apostles, and the primatiue church, that the people being present should receiue the same with the Priest, then ỳ the Priest should receiue it alone: therfore be it enacted by our Soueraine Lorde the kyng with the consent of the lordes Spirytuall & Temporall, and the commons in this present Parlyamente assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that the saide moste blessed Sacrament be hereafter cõmonly deliuered, & ministred vnto the people, within this churche of England and Ireland, & other the kinges dominyons vnder bothe the kynds, that is to say, of bread and wine, except necessitie otherwise require: and also that the Priest, whiche shall minister the same, shall at the least one day before exhort al persones, whiche shalbe present, lykewise to resorte and prepare themselues to receiue the same. And when the day prefixed cometh, after a godly exhortacio by the minister made (wherein shalbe further expressed the benefite and comforte promysed to them, whiche worthely receiue the holye Sacrament, and daunger and indignacion of God threatned to them, whiche shall presume to receiue the same vnworthely, to the ende that euery manne may trie and examine his owne conscience before he shal receiue the same) the sayde minister shal not without a lawful cause denie the same to any persone, that wil deuoutly and humbly desire it: any lawe, statute, ordinaunce, or custome contrary thereunto in any wise notwithstandinge, not condempning hereby the vsage of any churche oute of the kynges Maiesties dominions.

¶ An Acte for the election of Bishoppes, and what Seales and stile they, and other Spiritual persons exercising iurisdiccion Ecclesiastical shal vse.

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¶ The.ii. Chapiter.

FOrasmuche as the electyon of the Archebyshoppes and Byshoppes by the Deanes and Chapiters, within the kynges Maiesties Realmes of Englande and Irelande, at thys present tyme, be alwell to the longe delaye, as to the great costes and charges of suche persons, as the kings Maieslie geueth any Archebishoprich, or Bishoprichs vnto: and whereas the sayde elections be in very deede no elections, but onely by a writte of Conge deslier, haue coloures, shadowes or pretences of elections, seruinge neuertheless to no purpose, & seming also derogatorye and preiudicial to the kynges prerogatiue royal, to whom onelye apperteinethe the collacyon and gifte of all Archebishoprichs, and Bishoprichs, and Suffragain Bishoppes, within his highnesse saide Realmes of England, and Ireland, Wales, and other his dominions and Marches: For a due reformacion hereof, be it therefore enacted by the kinges highnes with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctho̅rite of the same, that from hencefoorth, no such Conge deslier be graunted, nor electyon of any Archebyshoppe or Bishoppe, by the Deane and Chapiter made: But that the kyng may by his letters Patents at al times, when any Archbishoprich, or Bishoprich be voide, conferre the same to anye persone whom the king shall thinke meete. The whiche collacion so by the kinges letters Patentes made, and deliuered to the person, to whom the king shall conferre the same Archebishoprich or Bishoprich, or to hys sufficient Proctour, and Attourney, shall stande to al intents, constructions and purposes, to all̃uche and the same effecte, as though Conge deslier had ben geuen, the election duely made, and the same cõfirmed: and that vpon the saide persone, to whom the sayde Archebishoprich, Bishoprich, or Suffraganshippe is so conferred, collated, or geuen, may be consecrated, and sue his liuerie, or ouster le maine, and do other thinges alwell, as if the saide ceremonies and elections had beene doone & made.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by auctho̅ritie aforesaid, that euery suche persone, to whom any collacion, or gift of any Archebishopriche, Bishoprich, or Suffraganshippe shalbe geuen or collated by the king, his heires, or successours, shal pay, doe, and yelde to all and euery persone, all suche fees, interestes, and duties, as of olde time haue been accustomed to bee done: any thing in this act, or in any other, to the cõtrary hereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

And where as the Archebishoppes and Bishoppes, and other Spyritual persons in this Realme dooe vse to make & sende out their sommons, citacions, and other processe in theire owne names, and in suche fourme and maner, as was vsed in the tyme of the vsurped power of ỳ Bishop of Rome, contrary to the fourme and order of the sommõs and

proceſſe of the common lawe vſed in this realme: ſeeing that al aucthoritie of Iuriſdiction, Spirituall and temporal, is deriued and deducted from the Kinges Maieſtie, as ſupreme head of theſe Churches & Realmes of Englande, and Ireland, and ſo iuſtly acknowleged by the clergie of the ſaide Realmes, & that al courts eccleſiaſticall, within the ſaid twoe Realmes bee kepte by noe other power, or aucthoritie eyther forepne, or wythin the Realme, but by the aucthoritie of hys moſte excellent Maieſtie: Bee it therefore further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that al ſomons & citacions, or other proceſſe eccleſiaſtical, in al ſuites and cauſes of inſtaunce, betwixt partie & party, and all cauſes of correction, and al cauſes of baſtardie, or begamie, or inquirie de Iure Patronatus, probates of teſtamentes, and commiſſions of adminiſtracio of perſones deceaſſed, and all acquitaunces, of, and vppon accomptes made by the executours, adminiſtratrours, or collectours of goods of any ded perſone, be from the firſte day of July nexte folowing made in the name, and with the ſtile of the king, as it is in writtes originall, or iudicial at the common lawe: and that the teſte therof be in the name of the Archbiſhop or Biſhop, or other hauing Eccleſiaſtical iuriſdiction who hath the commiſſion and graunt of the aucthority Eccleſiaſtical, immediatly from the Kinges highneſſe, and that his commiſſary, officiall, or ſubſtitute exerciſing iuriſdiction vnder him, ſhal put his name in the citacion, or proceſſe after the teſte.

Furthermore, be it enacted by aucthoritie aforeſaide, that all maner of perſon or perſons, who hath the exerciſe of Eccleſiaſticall iuriſdicio ſhall haue from the firſt day of July before expreſſed, in theire ſeales of Office, the Kinges highneſſe armes decently ſette with certain carects vnder the armes, for the knowledge of the Dioceſe: and ſhal vſe no other ſeale of iuriſdiction, but wherin his Maieſties armes be engraue vppon pein that if any perſon ſhall vſe Eccleſiaſtical iuriſdicyon (after the day before expreſſed) in this Realme of England, wales, and other his dominions, or territories, and not ſende, or make out the Citacion, or proceſſe in the kyngs name, or vſe any ſeale of iuriſdiccion, other the before limitted that euery ſuche offendoure ſhall incurre, & runne in the Kinges Maieſties diſpleaſure, & indignacion, and ſuffre impriſonment at his highneſſe will & pleaſure.

Prouided alwaies, that no more, nor other fees be taken, or paid for the Seale & writting of any Citacions, or other proceſſe, the was here tofore accuſtomed.

Prouided alſo, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that the Archebiſhoppe of Cantorbury for the time being, ſhal vſe his owne ſeale, and in his owne name, in al faculties and diſpenſacion, according to the tenour of an acte therof made: and that the ſayde Archebiſhops and Biſhoppes ſhall make, admitte, order, and reſourme their Chauncellours, Officialles, Commiſſaries, Aduocates, Proctours, and other

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their officers, ministers, & substitutes, & commissyons to Suffragaine Bishoppes in their owne names, vnder their own seales, in such maner & fourme, as they haue heretofore vsed: & shal certify to the Courte of Tenthes, their certificats vnder their owne names & seales, as heretofore they haue vsed, & accordinge to the statute in that case made & prouyded: & likewise shall make collacions, presentacions, giftes, institucions, & inductions of benefites, letters or orders, or dimissories, vnder their owne names & seales, as they haue heretofore accustomed: anye thing in this act conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, & be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that al processe hereafter to be made, or awarded by any Ecclesiastical person or persons, for the triall of any plea, or pleas, or matter depending, or that hereafter shal depend in any of the kings courts of Recorde, at the common lawe, & limitted by the lawes & customes of this realme, to the spiritual courtes to trie the same: that the certificat of the same, after the trial therof shalbe made in the kings name, for the time being and with the stile of the same kyng, and vnder the seale of the Bishop, grauen with the kings armes, with the name of the Bishop, or spirituall officer beinge to the teste of the same processe and certificat, and to euery of them.

¶The. iii. Chapiter.

¶An acte for the punishing of vagabounde, & for the relief of the poore and impotent persons.

FOrasmuche, as idlenesse and vagabondry, is the mother and roote of all theftes, robberyes, and all euill actes, and other mischiefes, and the multitude of people geuen thereto hathe alwaies bene here within this Realme very great, and more in number (as it maye appeare) then in other Regions, to the great impouerishment of the Realme, and daunger of the kings highnesse subiectes: the which idlenesse & vagabonndry al the kyngs highnesse noble progenitours, kinges of this realme, and thys high courte of parliament hath often and with great trauaile, gon about & assayed with godly actes & statutes, to represse, yet vntill this our time, it hath not had that successe, which hath bene wished, but partly by folishe pytie and mercy of them, which should haue sene the saide godly lawes executed, partly by the peruerse nature, and long accustomed idlenes of the persons geuen to loitering, the saide godly statutes hetherto hathe had small effecte, and idle and vagabonde persons, being vnprofitable members, or rather enemies of the common wealth, hath bene suffered to remain and increase, and yet so do whom, if they should be punished by death, whipping, imprisonmente, and with other corporal paine, it were not without their desertes for the example of others, and to the benefite of the cõmon wealth: yet if they could be brought to be made profitable, and doe seruyce, it were muche to bee wished and desired:

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Be it therefore enacted by the kynges highnes, with the consent of the Lordes Spiritual & temporal, & the commons in this present Parlyament assembled, & by auctho*r*itie of the same, first that all statutes and actes of parliament heretofore made for the punishment of vagabonds & sturdy beggers, & all articles compr*i*sed in the same, shalbe frō hencefo*r*th repealed, voide & of none effect.

Secondly, that whosoeuer, after the first daye of Apr*i*ll nexte following, man, o*r* woman being not lame, impotent, o*r* so aged, o*r* diseased with sickn*e*sse, that he, o*r* she cannot wo*r*ke, not hauing lands, o*r* tenementes, fees, annuities, o*r* any other yerely reuenues, o*r* pr*o*fits where on they may finde sufficiently their liuing, shal, eyther like a seruing mā wanting a Master, o*r* like a begger, o*r* after anye suche other so*r*te, bee lurking in any house, o*r* houses, o*r* loytering, o*r* idly wander by ẏ highwaies side, o*r* in stretes, in cities, townes, o*r* villages, not applying thē selfe to some honest, and allowed arte, science, seruice, o*r* labour, and so do continue by the space of three daies, o*r* mo*r*e together, and not offer them selues to labour with any that wil take them, accor*d*ing to theire faculty: & if no man, otherwise will take them, do not offre themselues to wo*r*ke for meate and dr*i*nke, o*r* after they be so taken to wo*r*ke, for the space agreed betwixt them & their master, doe leaue theire wo*r*ke out of conuenient time, o*r* run away: that then euery such person shall be taken for a vagabounde, and that it shalbe lawful to euery such master offring such idle persone seruice, and labour, and that being by him refused, o*r* who hathe agreed wyth suche idle persone, and from whom within the space agreed of seruice, the said loyterer hath rūne away, o*r* departed before the end of the conenaunt betwene them, and to any other person espying the same to bring, o*r* cause to be brought the sayde persone so liuing idly, and loyteringly, to two of the nexte Justices of ẏ Peace there resiaunt, o*r* abiding, who hearing the proufe of the idle lyuynge of the said persone by the saide space liuing idly, as is afo*r*esaid, approued to them by two honest witnesses, o*r* confession of the partye, shall immediatly cause the saide loiterer to be marked with an hoat Iron in the breast, the marke of V. and adiudge the saide persone liuinge so idly to suche presentour, to be his slaue: to haue and to holde the said slaue to him, his executours, o*r* assignes for the space of two yeres then next folowing, and to o*r*der the saide slaue, as foloweth: that is to say to take suche persone adiudged a slaue with him, and onely geuing the saide slaue bread and water, o*r* small dr*i*nke, and such refuse of meat as he shal thinke mete, cause the saide slaue to wo*r*ke by beatinge, cheyning, o*r* otherwise, in suche wo*r*ke and labour (how vile soeuer it be) as he shall put him vnto. And if any maner of slaue, eyther for loitering o*r* for the cause before rehersed so adiuged, shal within the space of the sayde two yeares here appointed runne awaye, departe, o*r* absente him from his said master, by the space of .xiiii. daies together, without

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licence: It shal not onely be lefull to his said Maister to pursue & serch him again by vertue of this acte, but also to punishe such fault by theynes, or beating, as is aforesaide: and against the deteinour, if any man doe wylyngly detcine him, knowing him to be a slaue, as is aforesaid to haue an action of trespasse, and recouer thereby in damages tenne poundes, besides the costs and charges of the suite for so deteyning his saide slaue. And further, euery such master shewing, & prouyng by two suffycient witnesses, the saide offence and faulte of hys runnyng away before twoe Justices of Peace of the same Countye, whereof the one to be of the Quorum, the same Justyces shal cause suche slaue, or loyterer to be marked on the forehed, or the balle of the cheke with an hoate Iron, with the signe of an S. that he may be knowen for a loyterer, and a runne awaye, and shal adiuge the loyterer, and runne away to be the saide Masters slaue for euer. And if suche slaue shall the seconde tyme runne away, or absent him selfe, if the saide Master shall approue the same seconde runnyng awaye, with twoe sufficient witnesses before ỳ Justice of peace, in their general and quarter sessyons: then euery suche faulte and running away to be adiudged felony, and such loyterer & runne away to be taken as a felon, and therof being lawfully indicted and attainted, or otherwise condempned to suffer peines of deathe, as other felons ought to doe.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that no clerke conuicted shall hereafter make his purgacion, & vppon such purgacion be deliuered, and set at large otherwise then is in the Statute hereafter expressed.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide that euerye clerke conuict, or hereafter to be conuicted, whych should by the order of the lawe enioye the benefite of their purgacion, shall and may from henceforth finde any man (if they can) who shall be bound with two suffycyent suerties to the ordinary, in the summe of .xx. li. to the kings highnes vse, to retaine the said conuict as his slaue, and, to kepe the sayd person so conuicte for the space of one yere then next following, that he shal not goe abroade, and at large, and then the said conuicte shal bee deliuered to the saide persone so taking the same, & being bound, as is aforesaid, to be his slaue for one whole yere then next following by vertue of this acte, in all such maner and fourme, and to all suche intentes and purposes, and with all such order lawes, condicions, & penalties for running away, or other, as is aforesaid of a vagabonde, taken loitering & made a slaue (burning in the breast onely except:) & the ordinarye by the deliuery of the saide conuicte to such person being bound, as is aforesaid to be of the keping of the saide conuict clerely discharged, and exonerated by vertue of this acte.

And if so be that the saide clerke so conuicte cannot finde anye man to be bounde, as is aforesaide, to whom he may be adiudged a slaue in

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the ſpace of one yere: then at any time after thend of one yere, after his
conuiction, it ſhalbe lawful for the ſaid Clerke conuict to make his pur-
gacion, as he might before this eſtatute, any thing in this preſente acte
to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

And where the Clarkes conuicted, or attepnted by the order of the
lawes of thys Realme, cannot make their purgacion, and ſhould perpe-
tually by the ſame remayne in priſon, bee it neuertheleſſe enacted by the
authoritie aforeſaide, that if there be any maner of perſon, who wil at
any time demaund the ſame clerke conuicted, or attaynted, & be bound
to the ordinary with two ſufficient ſuerties, as is aboue writtē, to kepe
the ſame as his ſeruaunt, by the ſpace of fiue yeres then next folowing, that
then the ſame ſhalbe adiudged his ſeruaunt for the ſpace, with al ſuch or-
ders, lawes, and penalties, for running awaye, and other orders, as is
before expreſſed of a vacabounde adiudged to any man for a ſeruaunt (the
burning in the breaſt onely except) & vpon the adiudgement deliuered
to ſuche demaundaunt, thordinarye from thenceforth of the keping of
ſuch Clerke conuicted, or attaynted, clerely exonerated, and diſcharged
by vertue of this acte.

And foraſmuch as diuers women and men goeth on begging way-
faryng, of the which ſome be impotent and lame, and ſome able enough
to labour, whiche doe carye children about with them, ſome .iiii. or .v.
yeres of age, or yonger, or elder, whiche brought vp in idleneſſe might
be ſo roted in it, that hardely they may be brought after to good thryfte
and labor: or if any childe aboue the age of fiue yeres, & vnder the age
of .xiiii. yeres go idlye wandring about as a vagabonde: be it enacted
by the auctheritie aforeſaide, that if any maner of perſon will take any
ſuch childe, bee it male, or female, of, and from any ſuche begger beinge
the mother therof, nouriſher or keper, whether they bee willing or not,
or without any ſuche notice, mother or keper by him ſelfe wandering,
and bring the ſaide childe ſo taken away before one of the Conſtables
of the pariſhe, and two other honeſte, and diſcrete neighbors witneſ-
ſes, and before any Iuſtice of peace there reſiaunt, and abydinge, and
promeſſe to bring the ſame childe vp in ſome honeſt labor, or occupacō
til he or ſhe come to the age of .xx. yeres the woman childe .or. xxiiii. the
man childe: that then and immediatly the ſaide Iuſtice of Peace & Cō-
ſtable ſhal adiudge by vertue of this acte, the ſaid child vnto the ages
before ſpecified, to be ſeruauntes or apprentices to the ſaide perſons ſo
taking and promiſing to be vſed and ordered in all pointes accordinge
as the lawe and cuſtome of this Realme is of ſeruauntes and apprenti-
ces, to what labour occupation, or ſeruice ſoeuer the ſaide Maſter ſhal
appointe him, or her, during the ſaide time. And if it ſhall fortune ſuche
childe ſo adiudged to runne away at any time, once, or moe times, from
his or her maſter, or maſtres: that then it ſhalbe lawful for euery ſuche
Maſter, to take the ſaide childe again, and to kepe and punith the ſaid

childe

chylde, in cheynes or otherwise, and use him, or her, as hys slaue in all pointes, for the tyme before rehearsed, of the age of suche chylde, that is to say, till twentie the woman childe, and the man childe xxtiii.

Prouided alwayes, that any maister, eyther of the men, or of the women so adiudged slaues, or of the childzen adiudged apprentices or seruauntes, may lette, set forth, sel, bequeathe, or geue the seruice & labor of suche slaues or seruauntes so adiudged, as is aforesayde, to any persone, or persones, to whomsoeuer he will, vpon suche condition, and for suche tyme of yeres as the saide persones bee adiudged to him for slaues, seruauntes, or apprentices, after suche like sorte and maner, as he may do of any other his moueable goodes or cattalles: and they for the said space and time, to be bound to all pointes and constructions to such lessee, donee, vendee, or assignee, as they were to theire first apprehenders and maisters, by vertue of this statute.

Prouided alwayes, & bee it enacted by authoritie aforesayde: that if any such slaue, or slaues, or childzen so adiudged, shall at any tyme after suche adiudgement, mayme, or wounde theire maisters or mistresses, in resisting theire correction, or otherwise: or when they be manumitted, & set agayne free, or in the tyme of their seruice, shall conspire with anye other, or by themselues go about to murder & kyl, or to maime, wounde, or beate the said maister or maistresse, or any that was theire maister or maistresse, or to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their entent come to an acte tending to the effecte: that then euerye suche maime, or wounde, or the going about to murder, kill, maime, wounde, or beate suche persone or persones, as bee, or were theire maister or mistresses, or to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their entent do come to any acte tending to the same effecte, as lying in wayte with weapon, or anye suche like, shalbe accompted Felonye, and they shal suffer therefore peines of death, as in case of felonie: excepte that anye suche persone or persones as be, or had been maister or maistresse to any of them, or he refusing any other will take suche person so offending, to theire slaues, and thē he or she so offending to be adiudged to the person so willing to take him or her so offending slaue for euer, and therupon to be discharged of the felonie. The same lawe and order to be had in all cōditiōs, if it should chaūce the father, mother, nourice, or other the bearer about of the child or any other persone, or persones, to steale away suche childe adiudged apprentice or seruaunt, that is, to ber slaue to suche apprentices, or seruauntes maister, whose apprentice or seruaunt was so stolen or entised awaie, for euer: & the maister neuertheles to take & receiue his said apprētice or seruaūt again, as if the said taking awaie had neuer be doen.

Bee it also enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that although there be no man which shall demaūde such loiterer, or loiterers, as before expressed into theire seruice, yet neuertheless the Justice of peace in that citie, borroughe, towne, or hundred dwelling, if anye suche bee, or els anye other

Justice of peace of the same Shyre, and also there dwellinge, by hys, or theire office shalbe hereafter bounde by vertue of thys acte, not onely to enquire of all suche ydle persones, but also if they doe espye anye suche vagabondes, or ydle persone, or if anye suche bee detected vnto them, to examine him, or her, of the tyme of theyr vagaboundrye: and if it shall appeare to any Justice of peace, any suche man or woman to haue been a vagraunt and vagabound, or ydle person, by the space as is aforesaid, to cause the same to bee marked on the breste with an. V. made with an hoate yron, and also to learne and enquire of hym the Towne, Citie, or village, wherein hee was borne, and then shall immediately geue a writing in parchement sealed with hys seale, to the sayd loyterer, of the tenour & fourme, which here ensueth. ¶ A.B. Justice of peace in the coũtie of S. to the Maiour, or chiefe officer of the citie of. Q. (if it be a Citye, or to the head borough, Baylife, or Constable, or head officer of the towne of Q. (if it bee a Towne) or to the Constable, or Tything man of the Village of C. (if it be a village) greting: Accroding to a moste godlye Statute made in the first yere of the reigne of our Souereigne Lorde kyng Edwarde the sixte &c. we haue taken thys bearer I.K., vagrauntlye, and to the euill example of others, without maister, seruice, or labor whereby to gette hys liuing, going loitering idlye aboute. And because the same sayth, he was borne in C. in the countie of S. wherof you are the head officer or Constable. We haue sent hym to you to be ordred accoording to the purporte and effect of the same Statute. And with thys writing shall deliuer the same loyterer to the Constables, or other head officer of the said Citie, Towne, or Village, wherein suche loyterer was taken, to be safely conueighed by them to the nexte Constable, & so from Constable to Constables, & other head officers, till he or she be brought to the place, the whiche, he or she, hath named them selfe to bee borne in, and then to bee deliuered to the heade officer or Constable of that same Citie, Borough, or Towne, Village, Hamlette, or Parysshe, there to bee nourished and kept of the same Citie, Towne, or Village, in cheynes, or otherwise, either at the common workes, in amending hyghe wayes, or other common worke, or from man to man in order, till they which may beare be equally charged to be taue to the corporation of the citie, or to the inhabitauntes of the towne or village, that he or she were borne in, after all suche fourme, condition, space of yeres, ordres, punishments for running away, & all others, as are expressed of a romno or priuate persone to whom any such loiterer is adiudged a slaue. And the sayde citie, Towne, or village shall see the sayde slaue beyng able to labour, sette on worke, & not liue idlye within the said precinctes, vpon paine for euerye suche defaulte, that the sayde slaue doth liue ydly, by the defaulte of the Citie, borough, or towne, or village, by the space of thre working dayes together, the citie to forfeite. v. li. a Borough, or towne incorporate xl. s. and other towne or village. xx. s. whereof the one halfe to the kyng our

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ſouereigne lord, the other to him that will ſue for the ſame, in any of the kynges courtes of Record, by bill, information, or action of debte, in the which ſuites, no eſſoine, wager of lawe, or protection ſhalbe allowed.

Prouided and be it enacted, that the Citie, Towne, and borough corporate, by the conſent of the more parte of the corporation: & the towne and village not corporate, by the conſent of the more parte of the inhabitauntes thereof, may ſette, ſell, or geue awaye the right, title, & intereſt of the ſaide ſlaue, to anye other perſon, as any other common or priuate perſone may do with hys ſlaue, by the vertue of thys Acte.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that if it fortune when the ſaide vacabonde is brought to the ſayde Citie, Towne, or village, where the ſaid perſone ſaid he was borne, to appeare, & be manifeſt, that he, or ſhee was not there borne: that then for ſuche lye, the ſaide vagaraunt ſhalbe marked in the face with an .S. and be ſlaue to the inhabitauntes, or corporation of the Citie, Towne, or village, where the ſaide vagaraunte ſayde he was borne in, for euer, vpon ſuch conditions, and orders, in all poynctes, as of a ſlaue marked in the face is before expreſſed: the ſame lawe, and order in all poinctes to be had of all vagaraunt perſones, and vagabondes beinge borne in anye other nation or countreye, then thys Realme, as is before expreſſed of Engliſhe ydle perſones, (markinge in the breaſt or face onely excepted) that is, to be had to the next porte, and there to be kepte of the inhabitauntes of the ſayde nexte port, in conuenient labour, and from ydleneſſe, or otherwiſe, till they may be conueyed ouer: and then at the coſtes of the inhabitauntes of the ſayd porte, to be conueighed ouer into their countreyes.

And foraſmuche as there is manye maymed, & otherwiſe lamed, ſore aged, & impotent perſones, which reſorteth to the citie of London, & to other cities, townes, & villages, on begging: whoſe coming together, & makinge a number, doth fill the ſtreetes or high wayes of diuers cities, townes, markettes & fayres, who, if they wer ſeperated, mought eaſely be nouriſhed in the townes & places wherin they were borne, or where they were, or haue been moſt conuerſaunt and abidinge, by the ſpace of three yeres: Be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaide, that all & ſinguler Mayours, Shirifes, Baylifes, Conſtables, or other head officers of any citie, towne, or hundred, to whiche ſuche reſorte is, or ſhalbe, ſhal before the feaſt of the Purification of our Lady next folowing, ſee all ſuch ydle, impotent, maymed, & aged perſones, who otherwiſe can not by their diſcretions bee taken for vagabondes, whiche were borne within the ſaid citie, towne, or Hundrede, or hath been there moſte conuerſaunt and abiding by the ſpace of three yeres as is aforeſaid, & now decayed, beſtowed, and prouided for of Tenantries, Cotages, or other conuenient houſes, to bee lodged in, at the coſtes & charges of the ſayde Cities, townes, boroughes, and villages, there to be releued and cured by the deuotion of the good people of the ſaid Citie, borough, towne, or

village. And that they doe not tarie after the time before reherſed, any other then ſuche as either were borne, or hathe been for the moſt parte conuerſaunt or abiding, by the ſpace aforeſayde, in the ſayde Citie, Borroughe, Village, or Towne, to remaine and begge abrode within the precinctes of ſuch Cities, Townes, Villages, or Hundreders: vpon peine that euerye ſuch Maiours, Shirifes, and Bayliffes, Conſtable, or other head officer, by what name ſo euer he be called ſuffering any perſones to begge within the precincte of hys or theire ſuche iuriſdiction, other then is before rehearſed, for euery three dayes ſhal forfait v.s. to whom ſoeuer will ſue therefore, by bill, information, or action of debte, in anye Courte of Recorde, in the whiche ſuites, no eſſoyne, wager of lawe, nor protection ſhalbe allowed.

And for the better performance hereof: be it enacted by aucthoritie aforeſayd, that the Maiour of the Citie of London, and all other Maiours, Bayliffes, Shirifes, Conſtables, and other head officers of euery citie, and towne corporate, doe with al conuenient ſpede by themſelfes, or theire ſufficient deputies by them appointed, before the feaſte of the Purification next comming, and ſo from tyme to tyme, euery Moneth onte, make a view and examination of aged, impotent, and lame plos, beggers, as be within the precincte of their iuriſdiction, and ſee all ſuch as were not borne, nor hath been for the moſte parte conuerſaunt and abyding there by the ſpace of three yeares complete, conueyed on horſebacke, carte, or chariotte, or otherwiſe, as ſhall ſeeme by theire diſcretions, to the next Conſtables, and they to conueigh the ſame to the next Cõſtables, & ſo from Conſtables to Conſtables, till the ſayd perſons be brought to the place where they were borne, or moſt conuerſaunt and abiding, as is aforeſayde, there to be prouided for, kepte, and nouriſhed of almoſe, as is aforeſayde: vpon the paine that euerye ſuche Mayour, Shirife, or Conſtable, head borough, or head officer not making viewe nor ſending or conueyghing awaye, not receiuing, or not prouiding, as is before appointed, according to the true purport or meaninge of thys acte, to forfeyte for euerye ſuche default xl.s. Whereof the one halfe to the kynges vſe, the other to the partie that will ſue therefore in anye of the kynges courts of Recorde, by bill, information, action of debt, in the which ſuites, none eſſoine, wager of law, nor protectiõ ſhalbe allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that yf any of the ſayde aged, maymed, or impotẽt perſones of the Cities, townes, or villages where they were borne in, or had their moſt abiding, as is aforeſayde, be not ſo lame or impotent, but that they may worke in ſome maner of worke: that then ſuche citie, Towne, Pariſhe, or Village, doe either in common prouide ſome ſuche worke for them, as they may bee occupied in, or appointe them to ſuche as will finde them woorke for meate and drinke. And yf theye refuſe of wilfulneſſe and ſtubburneſſe to worke, or doe runne away, and begge in other places, then to puniſhe the ſame according to theire diſcretions,

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with cheyning, beating, or otherwise, as shal seeme to them conuenient. And for the more furtheraunce of the relefe of suche whiche are in vnfained misery, and to whom charitie ought to be extended: be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that euery Sundaye and holy daye, after the reading of the Gospell of the day, the Curate of euery parishe do make, (according to suche talent as God hath geuen hym) a godlye and briefe exhortation to hys Parishioners: mouing and exciting them to remembre the poore people, and the duetie of Christian charitie, in relieuing of them, whiche bee their brethren in Christe, borne in the same Parishe, & neding their helpe.

Prouided alwayes, that if it shal chaunce anye such adiudged apprentice, seruaunt, or slaue, as is before rehearsed, to haue inheritaunce descēded vnto him, or her, or any other wayes, by the lawes of thys realm, warde, or bondeman, or neife of blonde, by, or from anye of hys auncestoures, to any persone or persones: That then it shalbe lawfull to anye suche persone or persones, to whome anye suche warde, bonde man, or neife shall apperteigne, to sease and take suche wardes, bonde men, or neifes, and them to reteigne and kepe, as theyre wardes, bonde men, or neifes, And the sayde wardes, bonde men, and neifes shalbe discharged of the said slauery, or other seruitude, or bondage aboue rehersed: Thys estatute, or any thing therein conteined, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And also bee it enacted, that if anye suche seruaunt, apprentice, slaue, or slaues, whiche shall haue at any time hereafter any aduauncement or liuing, accrue, come, or growe vnto hym, or anye of them, whereby hee, or they may haue a conuenient liuing, that then, and from thencefoorth, hee or they so being aduaunced, to be discharged of their slauery, seruitude, and bondage: thys Acte, or any thing therein conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Any woman being a seruaūt, apprentice, or slaue, as is aforesaide, being maried within the age of xx. yeres, without the assent of her maister, vntill she shal accomplishe and come to the sayde age of xx. yeres, onely excepted.

Bee it also enacted, that all Leprouse, and poore beddered creatures, whatsoeuer they bee, may at theyr owne libertie remayne and continue in such houses appointed for leprouse, or beddred people, as they now be in, & shal not be compelled to repayre into any other coūtreys or places, by the vertue of thys acte: any thing therin cōteined to the cōtrary notwithstanding. And that also it shalbe lefull vnto the sayd Leprouse and beddred people, for theire better reliefes, to appointe their Proctor or Proctors, so there be not appointed aboue the number of two persons, for anye one house of Leprouse beddred people, to gather the charitable almose of all such inhabitauntes, as shalbee within the compasse of. iiii. myles of any of the sayde houses of leprous and beddred persons.

And be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aboueSayde, that it

ſhalbe lawful to euery perſone, to whom anye perſone in fourme abo ue ſayde, ſhalbe adiudged a ſlaue, to put a ring of yron about hys necke, arme, or hys legge, for a more knowlege and ſuertie of the keping of hym. And that if any perſone or perſones do take, or helpe to take anye ſuche bonde of yron from anye ſuche ſlaue, that then euerye perſone ſo doinge without the licence or aſſent of hys maiſter, ſhall forfayte for euery ſuche defaute x. poundes ſterling.

Be it further enacted, that thys preſent acte ſhall before the firſte daye of Marche next comming, be openly proclaimed in euerye Citie, Corporate towne, and market Towne, vpon the market daye: and alſo from thencefoorth ſhall yerely bee read in euery Shyre openly in two general quarter ſeſſions of the peace, that is to ſay, at the general quarter ſeſſiõs after Midſomer, and the general quarter ſeſſiõs next after Chriſtemas, to the intent that euery perſone may haue knowledge thereof, and that thys acte ſhall endure vnto the ende of the next Parlament.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted, that it ſhalbe lawfull to the Lorde Chauncelour of England, or the Lorde keper of the great Seale for the tyme being at theire diſcretions to graunt commiſſion vnder the greate ſeale of Englande, to euery, or any perſone or perſones that hath, or ſhal haue hys or theire houſes or barnes burnt, or ſuche loſſes, to gather the reliefe and charitie of others for theire ayde and helpe, of hys or theire loſſes, decay, or hinderaunce, as in time paſt hath been vſed: any thinge conteined in thys acte notwithſtanding.

¶ An acte for Tenures holden in Capite.

¶ The. iiii. Chapiter.

WHere before this time, ambiguities, qſtions, & doubts haue been moued & ſtirred in diuers & ſundry ỹ kings courtes of Recorde, whether ſuche honours, caſtles, manours, landes, tenemẽts, & other hereditamẽts are holden of the kyng in Capite, whiche any hys louing ſubiectes doe holde by knightes ſeruice, Socage, or other ſeruices of the king, as of his Duchies, Erledomes, Baronies, honours, caſtles, manours, landes, tenements, fees, and ſeignouries, which haue come to the handes & poſſeſſiõ of diuers of his hyghenes moſt noble progenitours, by atteindour of treaſon, miſpriſion of treaſon, atteindours of Premunire, & prouiſion had & doen by acte of Parlamẽt, by verdicte, cõfeſſion, conuictiõ, or vtlagarie, & offices or no offices thereupon founde, or by the diſſolution, ſurrender, or geuing vp to the kyng, or to any hys noble Progenitours, of any religious or Eccleſiaſtical houſes or places, or of anye Manoures, Landes, Tenementes, and other hereditaments, to anye of the ſame religious or Eccleſiaſtycal houſes or places in anye wiſe appertaininge or belonging, or nor By meanes of whiche doubte ſo moued, hys ſayde humble and obedient Subiectes and tenauntes haue been heretofore muche vnquieted, moleſted,

molested, and greued: wherfore the kynge our soueregne Lorde, mynding, and entierlye desiring the quietnesse of hys sayde Subiectes, and that the certaintie of hys lawes in that behalfe myght bee knowen, and declared to hys sayde loving subiectes, for a plaine declaration and resolution to bee had, of, for, and concerning the premysses at the humble petition and suite of the Lordes and commons in thys present Parlamēt assembled, doth ordeyne, declare, and enacte by the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and temporal, and of the commons in this present Parlamēt assembled, and by the auctho̅itie of the same, that all suche Honoures, Castles, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other hereditamentes, and euerye of them, whiche nowe bee, or at anye tyme hereafter shalbe holden of the kyng, or of any of hys heires or successours, by anye of hys sayde Subiectes, by knyghtes service, Socage, or otherwise, as of any of his or their Dukedomes, Earledomes, Baronies, Castles, manours, Landes, Tenementes, Fees, or Seignories, whiche bee come to the kynge, or hys moste noble progenitoures, or hereafter shall come to the kyng, hys heyres or successours, by meanes of any suche Attainder, conuiction, vtlagarie, or of any suche dissolution, surrendre, or geuing vp of anye Religious or Ecclesiastical houses or places, or of any Manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, to anye of the sayd religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places in anye wise belonging or apperteining, shall not from henceforth bee adiudged, deemed, taken or construed to any intent, cōstruction or purpose, to be holden in Capite, or as Tenure in Capite: anye ambiguitie, question, or doubte heretofore moued to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesayd, that thys act or any thing therin conteyned, shall not in any wise be preiudiciall ne hurtefull to the kynge, hys heires or successours, to, for, or concerning any wardeshyp, liuery, primer season, fine for alienation, or to, or for any other profite or aduauntage, whiche now is come, or hereafter shal, or maye come, fall, or growe to the kyng, hys heyres, or successoures, by or from any persone or persones, whiche now doth, or hereafter shal holde any honours, seigniouries, castles, manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditaments of the kyng in Chiefe, as of hys persone, or of any other hys auncient possessions, and being not come to the kyng by anye suche attainder, confession, conuiction, vtlagarie, dissolution, geuing vp, or surrender, as bee abouesayde.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesayde, that thys present act, or any thing therein conteined, or specified, shall not in anye wyse, or by anye meanes, geue anye aduauntage, libertie, or profit to anye Tenaunt or owner in Fee simple, of anye Honours, Manours, Landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, whiche haue heretofore sued anye special or general liuerie, or ouster le mayne, out of the handes of the kynge, or of anye hys noble Progenitours, of anye Honours,

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manours,landes,tenementes,or other hereditamentes, by what tenor or seruice they were,or be holden,or that haue, or shall confesse by anye mater of recorde,any tenor in chiefe of the king,but that they, their heirs and assignes shall haue and holde the same manours,landes, tenementes,and other hereditaments,in like maner and fourme, as they did before the making of thys present Act, & as though thys present Acte had neuer been had,ne made: any thing aboue declared and enacted to the contrarye notwithstanding.

¶An Acte that no horses shalbe conueighed out of thys Realme, and other the kynges dominions without licence.

¶The.vi.Chapiter.

Though y enacting Cause of this Acte be y^e kyng & Commons yet y^e Act began in y^e house of Lords, & so could not be an Act great occasion, strength & boldnesse to the Scottishmen, & other y^e kings forein enemes, hauing in possession the same horses, geldings, & mares, in time of warre to inuade this realm, as also a great decay of the good breede of horses and mares, whiche before tyme hath been within thys realme, to the great detriment & hinderaunce of the kynges poore subiectes towardes the defence of thys realme and other hys dominions. For remedy wherof: be it therfore enacted by our souereigne lord the kyng, & by the commons in thys present parlament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that yf anye persone or persones, after the firste daye of January next comming, doe sell, exchaunge, geue, conueigh, or deliuer into the realme of Scotland, to the vse of any Scottisheman, or do carye, geue, exchaunge, sell, send, conueigh, or deliuer into anye place beyond y^e sea out of thys realme, or the dominions of the same, any horse, gelding, or mare, without special licence therefore to bee obteined of the kynges highnes, or of hys heires, vnder the great seale of thys realme, or vnder the priuie signate: or if anye persone or persones, after the firste daye of January, do sell, exchaunge, geue, or deliuer to any Scottishman within this realme of England, or Wales, the townes of Berwike, or the marches of the same, to thintent to be conueighed into Scotland, any horse, gelding, or mare, or do conueighe, or cary any horse, mare, or gelding into any forein parties beyond the sea, without like special licence obteined of the kynges hyghnesse, or of hys heires, vnder the great seale, or priuie signate as is aforesayde: that then the same person and persons so offending contrary to thys acte, shal lose and forfeyte to our souereigne lorde and hys heyres, the same horse, mare, or geldyng, so caried and conueyghed, and shall also lose and forfayte the summe of fourtie poundes for

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euery such hors, geldyng, or mare, so to be cõueighed & caried in forme aforesaid: whyche of the one moitie to doe to the kyng & the other moitie to hym, or thẽ, that will sue for the same by informacion, action of debte, or detinue in any of the kynges courtes of Recorde, in whiche suite, no wager of law, essoine, ne protection shalbe allowed. And that also all & euery person and persones so offending contrary to thys act, shal suffre imprisonement by the space of one whole yere.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lefull, aswell to the wardeus wardens of the East, west, & middle marches, for the time being, in their warden courtes, as also to all and euery the kynges Justices of Peace in euery shyre, aswell in England, as in Wales, in theire quarter sessions, to enquire of all and euerye offence or offences hereafter to be perpetrated, committed, or doen cõtrary to this act: And that it shalbe lefull to all and euery persone & persons being the kynges subiectes, to arrest & imprison euery Scottishman, & all & euery other persone, or persones, whiche shall leade, or conueyghe contrarye to the meaning of thys Acte, any suche horse, geldyng, or mare, out of thys realme into the said realme of Scotland, or into any other foreine place beyond the sea, other then such persons, as hereafter shall haue sufficient warraunt, by, or from the kynges hyghnesse or hys heires, vnder hys, or their great seale, or priuie signate, according to the meaning of thys act.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf the kyng our soueraigne Lord, hys heires or successours, at any tyme hereafter, vnder his great seale, or priuie signate, doe geue licence to any persone or persones, to cary or conueigh any horses, mares, or geldings, into Scotland, or into any other parte beyond the Sea, or els doe geue auctoritie, power, or commaundement to anye persone or persones, by warraunt, vnder the kynges great Seale, to licence any other person or persones to carye, or conueighe anye Horses, Mares, or geldynges into Scotlande, or into any parties beyond the sea, that then it shalbe lefull, aswell to all and singular person & persons hauing suche licence vnder ỳ kynges great seale, or priuie signate, as to all and euery other person and persons, hauing licence in writtinge vnder the seale of suche persone, or persones, to whom the kynge shall geue auctoritie, power, or commaundement in forme aboue said, to licẽce other person or persons to cary or conueigh any horses, mares, or geldynges into Scotlande, or into anye parties beyond the sea, to cary & cõueigh such nũbre of horses, geldings or mares, or any of them into Scotlãd, or into any of the parties beyõd the sea, as shalbe mẽtioned in any such licence, as is before specified anye thing mẽtioned in thys act, to ỳ cõtrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that thys act, ne any thing therein conteined, shal in any wise extende, to any persone or persones, which at any time hereafter shall cary or conueighe any horse, Mare, or gelding into Scotlande, or into anye other forein

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parties beyonde the sea, to serue the kyng in hys warres, with the same horses, Mares, or geldinges, anye thinge mencioned in thys acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And to the intent the kynges Maiestie shal not hereafter be deceiued in the numbre of suche horses, mares, or geldinges, which hereafter shalbe caried and conueighed into Scotlande, ne that the parties, whiche hereafter shal obtaine any licence by force of thys act, for the cariage or conueighaunce of any horses, mares, or geldynges, to bee caried or conueyghed into Scotlande: Bee it therfore enacted by aucthoritie aforesaide, that all and euery such persone & persones, which hereafter shalbe licenced according to thys acte, to carie or conueigh any horses, mares, or geldynges into Scotlande, shall before the same cariage, or conueyghaunce, vpon the peyne of forfeyture of the said horse, mare, or gelding or the double value thereof: whereof the one moitie to be to the kyng, & the other moitie to him, or them that will sue for the same by suche like action, as before is limitted in thys acte, shewe hys or their said licence, to one of the three wardens of the three marches of Englande, to thintent that one of the said wardens shal cause the number of the said horses, mares, or geldynges so licenced to bee conueighed into Scotlande, not onely to be kalẽdard in a booke, to remaine in hys own custody: but also to be endorced and written on the backeside of the saide licence, and the same endorsement to be signed with the hande of the sayde warden.

Prouided alwayes, that it shalbe lefull to euerye of the kynges Subiectes, that shall passe ouer beyond the sea, to shyp and carye with them, horses, or geldynges, for theyr owne occupation in their iourneyes, and not to the intent to sell the same beyond the sea: And that intente to bee iudged by the othe of hym, or them, that so will cary ouer anye horse, or gelding, whiche othe shalbe taken before the Customers, or their deputies, or searcher of euery such Porte, where the same horse, or geldinge shalbe shipped before the shipping thereof.

Prouided alwayes, that the warden of the fiue portes now being, or hereafter to be, may verely at his pleasure, geue sixe horses, or geldings, & no more, within one yere, at one, or diuers tymes, vpon like peine as is aforesaid, to any persone or persones, in the parties beyonde the seas, being in amitie with the kynges highnesse, or his successours: thys acte or any thing therein, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this acte, nor any thing therein mencioned, bee in any wise hurtful or preiudicial to the maister of the kynges horses, now & hereafter, to be, for such thinges & cõmodities, as shall & doe concerne his office, any thing in thys acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lefull to anye the kynges Subiectes, to cary, or sende into any partes beyond the sea, anye mares, whereof the price of any one mare so to be caried, doth not exceade .x.s. in suche and lyke maner, as Mares beynge of the price of vi.s. viii.d. haue beene, or

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might haue been conueighed ouer the Seas, before the makyng of this acte: any thing in thys act, or in any other act or actes heretofore made to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

¶ An Acte for the continuaunce of makyng of wollen yarne in Norffolke.

¶ The. vi. Chapiter.

WHere the greatest, & almost the whole numbre of the poore inhabitaunts of the countie of Norffolke, & the citie of Norwiche, be, and haue been heretofore for a great time mainteined, & gotten theire liuing by spinning of the wolles growing in ỳ said countie of Norfolke vpon the rock into yarne, & by all the saide time haue vsed to haue their accesse to common markettes within the said cõtie and citie, to buye theire wolles there to be spũne as is aforesaide, of certaine persones called retailers of the same wolles by eight peny worth, and twelue peniworth at one tyme or thereabout, and haue not vsed to buye, ne can buye theire saide wolle of the breders of the same wolles by such small parcelles, aswell for that the sayde breders of the sayde wolles will not sell their said wolles by such small parcelles, as also for that the most parte of the sayde poore persones dwell farre of from the said breders of the said wolles: And forasmuche as by an acte of Parlament made in the xxvii. yere of the reigne of the noble king of famous memorie Henry the viii. all persones be restreigned vpõ a great paine, to bye any wolles to sell ỳ same againe, except merchaũts of the Staple, for the onely prouision of the Staple, as in the sayd acte emong other thinges more at large it is conteined: therfore the said retailers of wolles in the said countie of Norfolke and citie of Norwiche, whiche heretofore haue vsed to buye wolles, and to sell them agayn to the saide poore persones in ouert markettes as is aforesayd, haue synce the makyng of the said estatut in eschewing the daunger and peyne prouided by the same, ceassed and left to bye the sayd wolles, for the relefe of the sayde poore persones: By reason wherof, the same poore persones inhabiting within the saide countie of Norffolke and citie of Norwich, that hath heretofore been spinners, and mainteined by spinninge of the sayde wolles, be now vnoccupied and vnset a worke, and a great numbre of them inforced to begge for lacke of worke, to the vtter decay and ruyne of the poore people of the said Countie and Citie, and the inhabitauntes thereof, vnlesse some remedy be therin prouided. In consideration whereof, it may please the kynges most royal maiestie, by the assent of the lordes spiritual & temporal, & the commons in thys present parlament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and euery person and persones dwelling and inhabiting within the saide countie of Norfolke and citie of Norwiche, or in eyther of them, by his, or thẽ selfes, or

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by his, or their factours, seruaunt or seruauntes may lawfully frō henc-
forth without peine, forfaiture, daungier, or breache of anye lawe or or-
dinaunce, to buie and bargain wolles, and take and make prouision to
buie or bargain wolles growing, or that shal grow only within the said
coūtie of Norfolke, in as large and like maner and fourme as the same
inhabitauntes within the sayde coūtie and Citie might, & did vse to do
before the making of the saide acte of Parlament, & as the sayde acte of
Parlament had neuer been had or made, so that the same person and p-
sons so buiynge or barganing, or makinge promise to buye or bargaine
the saied wolles, do sell or retaile the same againe in the common mar-
ket, or other open place within the saide countie of Norfolke, or Citie of
Norwiche, to any persone or persones at their pleasure and libertie, that
will bie the same, or any parcel therof, dwelling and inhabiting within
the saide countie and citie of Norwiche, or any of them, that shall or will
spinne the same within the saide countie of Norfolke, and Citie of Nor-
wiche, or any of them: the sayd former acte, or any article, clause or sen-
tence therein contained, or any other acte or actes, lawe, or ordinaunce
heretofore made, to the contrarie thereof in anye wise notwithstāding.

And where in the Parlamēt holden at westminster the xxiii. yere of
the reigne of our saide late Souereine Lord the kyng, it was amongst
other thinges enacted thus, as ensideth, or like in effect, that is to saye,
that no persone or persones from henceforth, shoulde buye, ne cause to
bee boughte within the sayde Citye of Norwiche, or Countie of Nor-
folke, anye yarne spunne of the rocke, called woolsted yarne, the whiche
shoulde then after that bee spunne within the sayde Countye or Citie,
but suche person or persons beinge weuers of woolsted, Russels, Sta-
mine, Saies, and suche other like Clothes, within the saide Citye or
Countie, that shoulde weue or worke, or cause to be wouen or wrought
in woolsted, Stamine, Russelles, Saies, or suche other like clothes, the
sayde yarne so bought, or caused to bee bought within the sayde Citye
or Countie, in the Citie of Norwiche, or in some market towne within
the sayde Countie: vpon the peine and forfeiture for euerye pounde
weight of the said yarne called Wolsted yarne, so bought within the said
Countie or Citie, and not wouen or wrought, as is aforesayde, within
the sayde Citie or countie, fourtie shillinges, the one halfe therof to be to
the king our soueraigne Lord, and the other halfe thereof to be to hym,
or them that shoulde then after that sue for the same by byll, informacio,
action of dette, or otherwise in anye courte of Recorde, in whiche sayde
action, bill, or information, no essoine, wager of law, forreine plee, or pro-
tection shoulde bee allowed. And where it is also ordeined in the sayde
acte, that yf anye persone or persones, did after the first day of Aprill thē
next after the said acte ensuing, ship, or carie, or conueigh, or cause to bee
shipped, to carie, or conueigh into the parties beyond the Sea, or did ca-
ry or conueigh into the partes beyond the sea, any yarne called woolsted

yarne

yarn not made, or wrought in cloth, so that such yarn were spūne with in thys Realme, that then euery person & persones so shipping, cōueighing, and carying, or causing such yarne so to be shipped, caried, and conueighed should forfayt for euery pounde of woollted yarne so shypped, conueighed, or caried .xl.s. the one halfe thereof to be to our saide Soueraigne Lorde the kyng, & the other halfe therof to him, or them that should sue for the same, by bill, informacion, or action of debte in any of the kynges courts of Record, as in the said acte the same, or the lyke in effect, more plainely & more at large may appeare. And forasmuche as the sayd acte was made & ordeined to continue & endure vntil the Parliament then after that next ensuing, & hath been sithens by other generall actes continued vntill this present Parliament, & was not by any of the said actes ordeined to continue for euer: It may now please the kings most excellent maiestie, with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall & temporall, & the comunes in this present Parliament assembled, & by auctoritye of the same, that all the afore rested acte for yarne, with al the words, formatures, paines, & sentences before rehersed, as the same before recited and declared, may from henceforth be enacted to continue, & to bee taken for an acte to cōtinue for euer to al intents & purposes, according to ỳ said words, sētences, & the purpose therof before in this act recited

Prouided alwaies that it shalbe lefull to euery person & persones, being a hatte maker, or hat makers, dwelling within ỳ said citye of Norwiche, to buy such of the sayd woollsed yarne, as is called and knowen by the name of middle vse yarne, as they and euery of them haue heretofore done, & vsed to doe, so that the same middle vse yarne so bought by the said hatmakers, or hatmaker, be wrought in hattes, or employed to hatmaking within the saide citie, any thing before recited, to the cōtrary thereof notwithstanding.

¶ The .vii. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte for the continuance of Actions after the death of any kyng.

WHere the kynges subiectes heretofore haue to theire greate costes, charges, and expences, prosecuted, and sued dyuerse and sundrye Actions, aswell reall and personall, as all other Actions mixte, or otherwyse, in the kynges Maiestyes courts and other courtes of recorde, not onelye by wrytte, but also by plaint or bylles, whiche actions, suites, bylles, and plaintes, by the deathe, or demyse of the kynges of this Realme, haue been discontinued, and the parties in euery suche accions, suites, bilies, & playntes, therby haue been put without day, wherby the demaundaunts, playntifes, and actours in euery suche action and suite were compelled and driuen by the order of the lawes of this realme, for their further remedy, to cōmence & begin again his, or their saide actions, suites, or plaints, or els to prosecute, & sue resommons, attachements, Scire facias, or suche other like,

proceſſe to reuiue his or their ſaid actions, ſuites, or plaintes, which was not onely to their great coſtes, charges, expences, hinderaunces, & delay of their ſuites, but alſo a greate lette and hynderaunce of iuſtice, for reformation whereof be it ordeined, eſtabliſhed, & enacted by the king our ſouereigne Lorde, & the Lordes & commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoryty of the ſame, that frō hencefoorth by the death, or demiſe of the kinges Maieſtie that now is, (whoſe life almighty God long preſerue, kepe & maintain in his moſte royal eſtate) nor by the death or demiſe of any ſ hereafter ſhalbe kinge of this Realme, any action, ſuite, bill, or plaint nowe, or that hereafter ſhall depende betwene party and party in any of the courtes aforeſaid ſhal not in any wiſe be diſcontynued, or put without day: But that the proceſſe, plees, demurres, and continuaunces in euerye action, actyons, ſuites, bylles, or plaintes, whiche nowe, or that hereafter ſhal depende ſhall ſtand good and effectual, and be proſecuted, & ſued forthe in ſuche maner & fourme, & in the ſame eſtate, condicion and order, as if the ſame king had liued, or continued in full life, the deathe or demiſe hereafter of any king of this Realme notwithſtandyng. And that all & all maner of iudicial proceſſe that hereafter ſhalbe had, or purſued in the time of ſ reigne of any other king, then reigned at the time of the purſuite of the original, or other former proceſſe, ſhalbe made in the name of the kyng, that for the time ſhall reigne, and be king of this realme, and that variaunce touchyng the ſame proceſſe betwene the names of the kings, ſhal not be in any wiſe material, as concernyng any defaulte to bee alleged, or obiected therefore.

And alſo be it further eſtabliſhed and enacted by thauctho̅ity aforeſaid ſ al & euery Aſſiſe of nouel diſſeiſin, aſſiſe of mortdaunceſtour, Iuris vtrum, & atteint, which at any time hereafter ſhalbe arreygned, cōmenced or ſued before any of the kings Iuſtices of aſſiſe, ſhal not from hēcefoorth be diſcontynued or put without day, by reaſon of death, new commiſſion, aſſociacion, or not cōming of the ſame Iuſtices of aſſiſe, or anye of them, but ſhal ſtand good & effectual in the lawe, to all intents, conſtructions and purpoſes, the death, new commiſſion aſſociation, or not cōming of the ſame Iuſtices, or any of thē, in any wiſe notwithſtāding.

And ouer that, be it ordeined & enacted by the auctho̅ity aforeſaide, that albeit any demaundaunt or plaintife in any maner of accion, byll, or ſuite, ſhall fortune to bee made, or created Duke, Archebiſhop, Marques, Earle, Viſcount, Baron, Biſhop, Knight, Iuſtice of the one bēch, or of the other, or Sergeaunt at lawe, depending the ſame accion, bill, or ſuite, yet that notwithſtanding, that no writ, action, or ſuite, ſhall for ſuch cauſe in anye wiſe bee abatable or abated, but ſhal remaine in like force, goodnes, & ſtrength, as the ſame was before, anye lawe, or vſage to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And alſo be it ordeined and enacted by the auctho̅itie aforeſaid, that albeit

albeit any perſon, or perſons beyng Iuſtice of aſſyſe, Iuſtyce of Gaole deliuery: or Iuſtice of peace within any of the kings dominions, or beyng in any other of the kings commiſſions whatſoeuer, ſhall fortune to be made, or created Duke, Archebiſhop, Marques, Earle, Viſcount, baron, Biſhop, Knight, Iuſtyce of thone benche, or of the other, or ſergeãt at law, or ſherif, yet that notwithſtãding he, & they ſhal remain iuſtyce & cõmiſſioner, & haue full power & auctoritie to execute the ſame, in like maner & forme, as he, or they might, or ought to haue dõ before ỳ ſame. And be it ordeined & enacted by the auctoryte aforeſaide, that in al caſes, where any perſone, or perſones herebefore haue ben, or hereafter ſhalbe found guilty of any matter of treaſon, murder, manſlaughter, rape or other felony whatſoeuer, for the which iudgement of death ſhould, or may eſue, & ſhalbe reprieued to priſon without iudgement at that time geuen againſt him, her, or them ſo found guilty, that thoſe perſons that at any time hereafter ſhal by the kinges letters Patentes bee aſſigned Iuſtices to deliuer the Gaole, where any ſuch perſon or perſons found guilty ſhall remaine, ſhal haue full power and auctoryte to geue iudgement of death againſt ſuch perſon ſo founde guilty, and reprieued, as the ſame iuſtices (before whom ſuche perſon or perſons was, or were foũd guilty) might haue done, if their cõmiſſion of Gaole deliuery had remained & contynued in full force & ſtrength. And ouer that, that no maner of proceſſe, or ſuit made, ſued, or had before any Iuſtyces of Aſſiſe, gaole deliuery, Oyer and terminer, iuſtice of peace, or other of the kynges cõmiſſioners, ſhal, ne in any wiſe be diſcontinued by the making & publiſhing of any new commiſſion or aſſociacõ, other altering of ỳ names of ỳ iuſtices of aſſiſe, gaole deliuery, Oyer and terminer, iuſtices of peace or other the kings commiſſioners, but that the newe iuſtices of aſſiſe, Gaole deliuery, and of the peace, & other cõmiſſioners maye proceede in euery behalfe, as if the olde commiſſions, and Iuſtices, & commyſſyoners had ſtyll remained & continued not altered.

¶ The viii. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte for the confirmation of letters Patentes.

WHere the kinges moſt excellent highneſſe ſithen the xxviii. day of Ianuarie, in the firſte yeare of hys Maieſtyes reygne, aſwell vpon dyuerſe and ſundry good conſiderations, hys Maieſtye ſpecyallye mouyng, as alſo otherwyſe, hathe bargayned, ſolde, exchaunged, geuen, reſtored, and graunted by hys graces ſeuerall letters Patentes, indentures, or other wrytynges ſealed vnder hys hyghneſſe greate Seale of Englande, the Seale of hys Duchie of Lancaſter, and the ſeale of the Courte of Augmentacion, & the Reuenues of his crowne, or any of them, as wel to bodies politique & corporate, as to diuers and ſundry of his louing and obedient ſubiects, diuerſe and ſundrye honours, caſtelles, maners, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuerſions, ſeruices, perſonages appropriated, aduowſons,

tithes, oblacyons, pensions, porcyons, fraunchises, myuileges, liberties & other hereditaments, commodityes & profites in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of life, vsyues, or for terme of yeares, as in ỳ same seuerall letters patents, Indentures, & other writings is mencyoned & declared: In auoiding, disturbing, hurting, or hindering of the saide seuerall letters patentes, Indentures, and other writinges, and of the saide manors, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other thynges in them conteined, sundry and manye ambiguities, doubtes, & questions haue or myght hereafter happē to be moued, obiected, alleged, inuented, procured, or sterred, aswel for misnaming, misrecital, or none recital of any of the same honours, castelles, manours, landes, tenements, and other the premisses, or any parcell therof, or for lacke of syndyng of offices, or inquisicions, of, and in the premisses; whereby the tytle of the kynges highnes therin ought to haue been found before the makyng of ỳ same letters patentes, or other writynge, or for nulretitall, or none recital of lesses therof before made, aswell of recorde as not of recorde, or for lacke of the certeintye, miscasting, rating, or setting forth of the yerely values and rates of the premisses, or of the yerely rents reserued, of, and for the premisses, or any parcell therof mencioned, or conteyned in any of ỳ said letters patentes, or other writings, or for that the premysses bee, or any part thereof is valued to more, or lesse value in the said letters patentes, or wrytings, then the saide honours, manours, lands, tenemēts and other the premisses then were or shalbe in yerely value, or for mysnaming of the townes, hamlettes, parishes, or counties, where ỳ same honours, castelles, manors, landes, tenementes, rentes, hereditaments and other the premisses, and euery parcel therof, or anye parcell thereof lien, or beene, or for lacke of the true naminge of the natures, kyndes, sortes, and quantities of the saide possessions, or hereditamentes, or anye parcel thereof, or for lacke of the true naming of the corporacion of the same bodies politique, or corporate, or for lacke of attornement, iuerie, or season, or for misnaming of any of the late tenants, or fermors of the same premisses so solde, geuen, graunted, or exchanged, as for diuerse and sundrie other suggestions and surmises, not comprysed in the said letters patentes, which hereafter might happen to be moued, surmised, or procured against the same letters patents. For remedye & reformacion wherof be it ordeined and enacted by the kinges most excellent highnesse, with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall & temporal, & ỳ cōmons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctoryte of the same, that aswel al & euery the saide letters patēts, indentures, & other wrytings, & euery of thē sealed with, or vnder the seale or seales aboue named, or any of them made, or graunted by the kings highnes sithens the .xxviii. day of January last past, as also al and synguler hys graces letters patents, indentures, and other writings hereafter, during hys highnesse life (which our Lord long continue) to be had, made, or grau

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ted with, or vnder any of the seales aboue said, to any body politique, or corporate, or to any other person, or persones of any Honours, castelles manours, landes, tenementes, rents, reuercions, seruices, personages, tithes, pencions, porcions, aduowsons, nominacions, presentacions, fraunchises, liberties, and other hereditamentes, commodities, possessions, & profeictes, of what kinde, nature, or qualitye soeuer they, or any of thē be, is, or shalbe, or by whatsoeuer name or names they or any of them, be, is, or shalbe named, knowen, or reputed, shall stand & bee taken, reputed & iudged good, sure, perfect, effectual, & auailable in the law, during ẏ statutes in them limitted & specified, to al intents, respectes, constructions & purposes against the king his heires, & successors without any confirmacion, lycence, dispensacion, or toleration of the kynge, hys heires or successours: any the causes or matters aboue mencioned, conteined, or hereafter during his said highnes life to be conteined, had, or made in any such letters Patentes, indentures, or other writyngs by ẏ kyng our Soueraigne lord, to ẏ contrary in any wise notwithstandig.

Prouided alway, that this act, ne any thing therin cōteined, shal not in any wise extende to reuiue, or make good any letters patents made of any office, or offices to any comptroller, customer, alneger, or sercher ne to any letters patentes of the graunte of any other office, or offyces heretofore graunted, or made by our saide Soueraigne lorde the king which now is, or be, or at any time heretofore haue bene adnichelated, determined, or made voide by iugement, by aucthoritie of parlyament or order, nor to any patēt to be made to any person or persōs for terme of yeres, or during the minoritie of an heire, of, or in any manours, lāds or tenements, wherof any trauerse hereafter shalbe tēdred within thre monethes after any office founde and certified into anye of the kynges courtes of record, ne to any leasses, or grauntes of any manors, lands, or tenementes of our saide Soueraigne Lordes hereafter to bee made vnder anye of the Seales of the courts aforesayde, cōtrary to the limytacyon, ordinaunce, prouision, establishment and auctority of the same courts, any thyng in this act conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that this act, nor any thing therein conteined shal not extende to make any letters patentes of any offyce, or offyces, to be of any other effect, force, or strēgth, thē the same letters patents were, or should haue bene before the making of this act.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al and singuler suche patentes, grauntees, donees as any time hereafter during the life of our said soueraigne Lord (whiche almighty God long preserue) shal fortune to haue, or obtrine any Castelles, manours, landes, tenementes, tithes pencions, porcions, or other hereditaments of the gifte, graunt, sale, or exchange of the kynges Maiestye, or of the onely gifte of the kinges Maiestie, of his most lyberal dysposycion, and not solde, whiche at the day of the date of the letters Patents therof

made, shalbe of moze, oz better yerely value to the king in yerelye rente and ferme, then shalbe conteined, mencioned, and specified in any suche letters patentes, and particulers thereof made by the particuler Surueyour, oz Surueiours thereof, & in such byll oz billes, as shalbe signed and sealed with the hand, oz hands of the patentee, oz patentees therof to be exhibyted to the kings Maiestye, oz his officer oz offycers, wythin whose surueye the said manours, landes, and tenementes, and other the premisses, oz any parte therof shalbe, oz within any of them, whiche bill shalbe signed, sealed, had, and made, as is afozesaide, befoze any bil shalbe therof signed by the kynges Maiestie, that then euery of the said patentees, grauntees, and donees, their heires, executours, and admynistratours within one yeare next after due proufe, and decrees therof made and had in the courte, within whose surueye the same castelles, manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premisses, oz any parcel therof, befoze the said gifts and grauntes were, shal content and pay to the king foz the same ouerplus, & moze value of the same manours, lands, tenementes, tithes, pencions, pozcions, & other hereditamentes to hym solde, oz exchaunged, after such rate, as other landes, and tenementes were befoze to him sold oz exchaunged, and foz the ouerplus and moze value of suche landes and tenementes as shal happen to be geuen by ỳ kings Maiesty, and not solde, as is abouesaid, the saide patentee, hys heirs, executours, oz administratours shal content and pay to the king after the rate of twenty yeres purchase, so that the same prouse and decree be had, & made in maner & fourme abouesaid, within .x. yeres next after the date of the saide letters patentes.

The.ix. Chapiter.

An Acte foz the vniting of certein churches within the city of Yozke.

Where in the auncyent citie of Yozke and suburbes of the same there are manye parishe churches, whiche heretofoze the same beyng well inhabited and replenished with people, were good and honest liuinges foz learned Incumbents, by reason of the pryuie tythes of the ryche marchauntes, and of the offrings of a great multitude, whyche liuinges is nowe so muche decaied by the ruin and decaye of the saide citye, and of the trade of marchaundyse there, that the reuenues and profites of diuers of the same benefyces are at thys present not aboue the clere yerely value of .xxvi.ſ. viii.d. so that a great sozt of them are not a competent and honest liuing foz a good curate: yea, and no persone will take the cure, but that of necessitye there is some chaunterie Pziest, oz elles some late Relygious persone beyng a stypendarie taken and appoineed to the saide cure and benefyce, which foz the moste parte are vnlearned, and verye ignozaunt persones, not able to doe anye parte of their duties: By reason whereof the saide citie is not onely replenished with blinde guides and Pastours, but also

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the people muche kept in ignorauncr, aswell of their duties towardes God, as also towardes the kinges Maiestie, and the common wealthe of this realme, and to the great daunger of their soules: In consideracio wherof, and for the better relief and order of the saide citie, it maye please the kinges maiesty by thassent of the lordes spirituall & temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctoryritie of the same, that from henceforth it shalbe lawfull to the Maior, & Recorder of the saide citie, & the ordinary or his deputie, & vi. Justices of peace in the said citie, to vnyte & knit together the said parishes into fewer number, that is to wete, so many of the said parishes into one parish, as to them shalbe thought conuenient to be a liuing for one honest incumbent, so the cleare yerely value of one parishe excede not .xx. li. by yere, and so to procede through the saide citie and suburbs of the same. And that it shalbe lefull for the saide Maior, Recorder, and Aldermen, to pull downe the churches, whiche they shal think superfluous in the said citie and suburbes of the same, and to bestowe the same toward ye reparacions and enlargement of other churches, of the bridges in the saide citie, and to the relefe of the poore people, And further, that the said Maior, Recorder, Ordinarie, or his deputy, & vi. Justices of peace being Aldermen, shal allot & appoint the presentment & patronage of ye church so vnited to the patrons of al the churches, to knit in one parish that they may make their presentments by turne, euery one according to their quantitie of his former patronage.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, ye al such incumbents of the churches aforesayd, that shalbe put downe by vertue of this act, shall haue the yerely value of their benefices after the rate they do pay tenthes during their liues, so they wyll do seruyce therfore in the churches appointed for the parish churche, according to their former duties: And if they refuse to serue, then they onely during their liues to haue the thirde parte of the value as is aforesaid, & to be paied at the hands of the incumbent of ye parish church to be appointed

Prouided also, and be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that the incumbents of euery such church, which by vertue of this acte shalbe made and ordeyned for the parish churche, & whereunto any other parishe, or parishes shalbe vnited, shal after the vnion therof, yerelye paye the tenthes to be due for the same to the kynges Maiestie, his heires & successours of the same churche, and of al other churches therunto vnited & annexed. And the sayd incumbents of the parishe churche so vnyted to haue his allowance of the incumbents of the churches so vnited therunto, during their seuerall liues, according to the rate and portio of the churches so vnited, as shalbe alligned by the aboue said persons, hauing auctority by this acte to vnite the same. And the successor & successours of euery such incumbēt of euery such churche, as shall be made the parishe churche, & whereunto any churche or parishe shall bee vnited

by force of thys act, shall pay, or compounde for the first fruites thereof at euery auoidaunce before his induction to the same, according to such yerely value, at such church or churches, as shalbe made a parish church & whereunto any church, or churches, parish, or Parishes shalbe united by force of this act, shalbe of, at the time of the union therof, and as if it had been of suche like yerely value at ỳ time of making of ỳ statute for first fruites and tenthes, and of no greater value: any ordinaunce, statute, or lawe, to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ The.x. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for exigentes & Proclamacions in Wales, & in the Countye Palantine of Chester, & also in the citie of Chester.

WHere in the high Court of Parliament holden at westmynster the.xxvii. yere of the most prosperous reigne of ỳ late famous king Henry the eight, by the assent of the Lordes Spirytuall and Temporall, and the commons assembled in the saide high Courte of Parliament: it was enacted and establyshed by aucthoritye of the same Parlyamente, that hys highnesse dominion and prynceypalytie of Wales, and of manours, landes, tenementes, and other domynyons wythin the sayde dompnion and pryncipalitye of Wales should be denyded into twelue Shyeres, or Counties, that is to saye, the Shieres or counties of Glamorgan, Radnour, Brecknok, Karmerthen, Penbroke, Cardigan, Merionneth, Mongomerie, Flinte, Carnaruan, Angleſie, & Denbigh, in euery of whiche saide counties & shyeres, emongst the officers yerely appointed, it was thē ordayned that there should be distinct and seueral shirifes yearelye, & also where the counties Palantine of Chester, and of the citie of Chester, be auncient and seueral coūties Palantine of thēselues, in al which said counties, the kyngs wryt hath not, nor yet doth not runne: So that the proclamacion awarded vpon any exigent against any persone or persons, in any accion, wherin proceſſe of outlawry dothe lye according to the statute made in the.vi. yere of the reigne of the saide late king, cānot be directed vnto ỳ shirife or shirifes of any of the saide shires or counties, but vnto the shirife of the countye next adioyning: So that the party dwellyng in any of the said shieres or counties, agaynst whom anye suche exigent and proclamacion shalbe so awarded, shall not, nor cā haue any knowledge of the same sute, or proceſſe, by reason wherof many of the persōs inhabityng in the saide shieres and counties, without knowledge, or cause of suite, haue ben wrōgfully and vniustly vtlaged to their vtter vndoing.

Be it therfore, & for diuerse other good consideracions, by the king our souereigne Lord, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall & tēporall, and the commons in this presente Parliamente assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same enacted, ordeyned, and establyshed, that if and whē soeuer any writ of exigent at any time after the first daye of Apryll next comming shalbe awarded at the suite of the king, or of any other persō

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or persones plaintife, or plaintifes, in any accion or suite, in anye of the courtes of our saide Soueraigne lord the king, his heires or successors commonly called the kinges benche, and the common place, againste any person, or persons, dwelling in any of the aforesaide counties in wales, or in the said counties Palantine of Chester, or the city of Chester, or in any of them: that then immediatly vpon the awarding of euery such exigent, the Justice or Justices before whom any such writ of exigent vpon such suite, or action shalbe sued, shal haue full & auctority to awarde one writ of proclamation according to the tenour & effect of Proclamations ordeined vpon exigentes, directed out of any of the saide courtes in London, against any persone dwellinge in anye other shiere, where the kynges writ is currant, according to the order and fourme of the sayde statute made in the xxxi yere of the said late king to be directed to such of the aforesaid shirifes of any of the aforesaid cõtie in wales, & of the counties Palantine of Chester, and of the city of Chester for the time being, where it shall happen the said defendant, against whom any such action shalbe sued, as is aforesaid, to be dwellig And that euery such writ of Proclamation shal haue the same tyme and day of returne, as the exigents, wherupon euery such writ of Proclamacion shalbe awarded, shal haue: And that euery suche shiryfe to whom any such writ of Proclamacio shalbe directed, shal make Proclamacyõ of the said writ of proclamacion, according to the tenour of the same, & & shal make true returne of the same in such roart, & before such iustices as the tenour of the same writ shal require & demaund. And yt al outlaries hereafter to be promulged, or pronounced against anye persone or persons vpon any such exigent, or exigents, awarded against any persõ or persons, dwelling in any of the said counties of wales, & the cõties Palantine of Chester, & of the citie of Chester, & no writ of Proclamacion awarded in fourme aboue said, to the shyrife, or shirifes of the countie, where the party defendaũt shalbe, as is aboue said, dwelling, or not returned, to be clerely voide, and of none effecte, nor force in the lawe.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that al & euery shierife and shierifes of euery of the said counties of Wales, and of the counties Palantine of Chester, and of the cytye of Chester aforesayde shall haue in euery of the saide courtes of the kynges Benche, & of the common place, one sufficient Deputie at the least, to receiue all writtes directed to suche the shiryfe, or shierifes, for whom the same Deputie or Deputies shalbe appointed, in like maner, and fourme, and vpon like peines, as by the former statutes & lawes of this realme other shirifes of other shires, or counties within this realme of Englande be bounden to haue, in either of the same courtes: and that all writtes of proclamacion aforesaide shalbe deliuered vnto euery suche Deputy of Recorde in the same courtes, and also like fees shalbee payde for making euerye suche writ of proclamacion, and for enrolling the same of Recorde, as is

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limitted in the said statute made in the said first yere of the reigne of our said late Soueraigne lord king Henry the eight.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person dwellyng in any of the saide counties of Wales, after the aforesaid first day of Aprill, shalbe outlawed in any suite, or action aforesaid, that then writs of speciall Capias vtlagat; single Capias vtlagat, nō molestand' and all other processe, for, or against any persone outlawed, shal, & may frō thencefoorth be directed to the shrieff of any of the saide counties in Wales, as immediate officers to the kings said courtes of the kynges benche, or common place in that behalfe: and that euery suche writtes may be deliuered of record to the deputie of suche of the saide sherifes, to whom any suche writ, or processe shalbe directed, & that euerye suche shirife shal make execucion and returne of euery suche writte of processe to him directed, vpon like peyne & penaltie, as is aboue limytted.

And be it further enacted & established, that if any such writ, or writtes of Proclamation hereafter directed to any of the shirifes of anye of the saide shieres in Wales, or counties Palantyne of Chester, or of the citie of Chester, be deliuered vnto any of the saide sherifes for the tyme being, or to his or their deputy, in maner & forme aforesaid: & the same sherife or sherifes do not make true returne of euery suche writ & writtes of Proclamacion, into such courte & courtes, out of which the saide writ, or writtes of Proclamacion shalbe awarded: that for euery such faulte of none returne, euerye suche sherife for the time being shall lose and forfait. vli. the one halfe thereof shalbe to our Soueraigne Lord the king, his heires and successours: the other halfe to any such persone or persons as will sue for the same in an action of debt grounded vpon this acte, in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, wherein no essoygne, protection, or wager of laude shalbe allowed, or admitted.

Prouided alwaies this acte, or any thing therein conteined, shal not in any wise extend, or be preiudicial to the same countyes of Wales, or to ẏ saide counties Palantine of Chester, or of the citie of Chester, for, or concerning such liberties, franchises, or priuileges, as belong to the, or any of them, or to any ministers, or officers of them, or anye of them, otherwise, or in any other maner, then by the true meanig of this act is before prouided & declared: any thing in this act mencioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, ẏ thys act, ne any thing therin conteined, shal not in any wise be preiudycial, or hurtefull to any Lorde marcher in Wales, but that they & euery of them, and their heires, and the heires of euery of them shal and may haue like liberty, interest, and preeminence, as they, and euerye of them had, might, or ought to haue had before the making of this act, and as though this acte had neuer been had, ne made: anye thyng in this acte mencioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

The.xi.Chapiter.

An Acte for the repeale of a certaine statute made in the.xxviii. yere of the reigne of the late kyng of most famous memory Henry the.viii for revoking of actes of Parliament.

Where in the Parliament begonne at Westmynster the.xxviii. yere of the reigne of the late kynge of famous memory kyng Henry the eight, it was enacted by the authoritie of the saide Parliament, that if the Emperyall crowne of this Realme, after the decease of the saide late kyng, shoulde dyscende, come, or remain to the heires of oure said late Soueraign Lord, or to any person to be kynnitted by his highnesse, as of verye ryght it must, and ought to doe accordyng to the lawes of this realme established for the same, the said heire, or suche persone beinge within the age of fower & twenty yeres, & that then any acte or actes of Parliament should happen to be made & established in any parliamēt, ẏ then should be holden before such heire or heires, person or persons then being in possession of the sayd crowne should be of their full ages, of.xxiiii.yeres, that then euery such heire, or heires of our saide late soueraigne Lorde, or such person so possessed of the crowne being within the same age of.xxiiii.yeares, should haue full power and authoritie at all times, after they should come to their said full ages of.xxiiii.yeres, by their letters patentes vnder the great seale of England to revoke, adnul, & repeale all and singuler such acts made & established by their royal assentes, in any Parliament holden during ẏ time that they were within their said age of.xxiiii.yeares, their roiall assentes had to the same, during the time that they were within ẏ said age of.xxiiii.yeres or any acte, or actes therafter to be made, to the contrary therof notwithstāding. And it was also enacted by the auctority aforesaide, that euery suche repeale, adnullacion, and revocacion of any acte or actes that should be made and established, in any Parliamente holdē before the time that such heirs, or person possessed of the crowne should be of the said age of xxiiii.yeres should be as good and effectual, to all intents & purposes, as though it hath ben done by the authority of Parliament, as in the saide acte is more plainly declared: Sith the makyng of which estatute, it hath pleased almightie GOD to take vn to his mercye our saide late Soueraigne Lorde kyng Henry the eight, our now most gracious & deare Soueraigne liege lord kyng Edward the.vi. his sonne & heire (whose life God lōg preserue) now beig aboue the age of.x.yeres & vnder the age of .xi.yeres: during whose minority as the common wealth of his highnesse realme of England, & Ireland as of all the dominions and countreis of the same, is, and moste necessarye ought to be prouided for, maintetned, and preserued: so is it the naturall duitie of euery good, true, and louing subiecte, to applie him self with al his power and diligence, to studye, inuente, and practyse by all waies, meanes, and mayers, for the conseruacion of the same. And for

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asmuche as for the preseruacion of the royal estate of our said souerain Lorde the king that now is, & þ safegard and suerty of hys most royal persone, & for the good tranquillitie, quietnes, rest, and peace of his sayd Realmes, countreis, dominions, and subiectes, aswel wholsome lawes & statuts are to be ordeined, established, & prouided, as also some lawes & statutes to bee repealed & annulled, as the case shal require, accordig to the disposicion of the people, whiche cannot take anye good effect, or successe, without actes & prouisions of Parliamente to be made, before their ages of xxiiii yeres. And for that it should seme vnto all men, that the good intencion, meaning, & purpose of the said late king, and of the makers of the sayde statute, was not, that good and wholsome lawes which should be made, prouided, and ordained for the good gouernāce of the Realmes and dominions abouesaide, during the time that anye kyng of this Realme should be within þ said age of xxiiii yeres shoulde from the time of the decease of the auncestor, or progenitor of any suche king, within the age of xxiiii yeres, at the time of the death of the saide auncestour, or progenitour, vntill the age of xxiiii. yeares, of any suche king, be made, demed, and adiudged to be voide by any such letters patentes, to all intentes & purposes, as though they neuer had been made but that the saide actes, and euery of them, and all, and euery thynge, & thinges vsed, committed, doone, suffered, or executed by auctority of the same, should be good, auayable, and perfit in the lawe: And that þ saide reuocacion, annullacion, & repeale, should be taken to make voide the saide actes, and euery of them onely, from the time of the said reuocation, annullacion and repeale, & not otherwise: The cōtrary entendement and exposicion wherof, might otherwise, not onely discourage all subiectes during that time, and those yeres, to endeuour themselues, to and for the aduising, setting forthe, and consenting to the making of good and wholsome lawes: but also shoulde cause the sayd subiects to adiudge and thinke themselues to liue for that time, vnder no manner of certaintie, or assaraunce of any positiue lawe, or statute during that time to be made, or prouided: Be it therefore enacted, by the king oure Souereigne Lorde, with thassent of the Lordes spiritual & temporal, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that the said act of parliament aboue recyted, made in the saide xxviii yeare of the reigne of the said late king, & euery word, article, clause, matter, sentence, and thing therein specified & conteined, shall by auctoritie of this present Parliament, bee, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, vtterly voide, annulled, repeled, and of none effect, & as though the same had neuer ben had ne made. Neuertheles to the entente the kinges Maiestie our Souereign lord may haue power, auctoritie, preeminence and prerogatiue at his full age of xxiiii yeres, or at any time after, at his libertie and pleasure, to repeale al statutes and actes of Parliament, aswel made in this present parliament

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as hereafter in any other Parlament to be holden, before he shall accõplishe the sayde age of xxiiii.yeres, to be made or ordeined, according to the true intent and meaning of the makers of the sayde former statute.

Be it further ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie of thys present Parlament, that our saide soueraigne lord the kyng that now is, at hys full age of xxiiii.yeres, or at any tyme after, and all and euerye heire and heires of the sayd late kyng, and other persone and persones, to whom the Emperial crowne of thys realme shal hereafter descend, come, or remaine by thappointment of the sayde late kyng, in that case prouided & made, then being within the age of xxiiii.yeres, shall haue full power & auctho̅ritie, by vertue of thys present acte, at all tymes, after he, or they shal come to hys, or their full age of xxiiii.yeres, by hys, or theire letters patentes, vnder the great Seale of Englande, to repeale all & singular acte & actes, or any of thẽ, as be, or shalbe made, or establyshed by hys or theire Royal assentes in any Parlament holden, or to be holden, during the tyme that he, or they was, were, or shalbe, within ẏ said age of xxiiii. yeres, other then thys present act of Parlament, and other then all pardons graunted & to bee graunted, within the said seueral ages of xxiiii. yeres, by auctho̅ritie of Parlament, so that the same repeale be made and vsed in maner and fourme hereafter folowing, that is to say, that euery suche letters patentes of repeale shall conteine all suche actes, as shalbee repealed, and shalbe solemnely & openly proclaimed in the kyngs courte of Chauncerie, betwene the houres of ix. & xi. before noone at three seuerall dayes, in euery of two of the iiii. vsual termes to bee holden at westminster, or els where withyn thys realme of Englande, & also one time in euery countie of thys Realme, and in wales, at the seueral Assises to bee holden in the same seuerall counties, betwene like houres, and that then after xl. daies next after suche Proclamation, in all and euery place and countie aboue saide, so had and made, the sayde letters patentes of repeale to take their force, strength and effect, and not before, or from any other tyme or season, nor in any other maner or fourme. And that all and euery suche acte and actes, aswel made in thys Parlament, as here after to be made, within the sayde age of xxiiii.yeres, of our soueraygne Lord the kynges maiestie that now is, as in the tyme of any of the sayd heire or heires, or other the saide persone or persones then beyng in possession of the Imperial crowne of this realme, & vnder the age of xxiiii. yeres, shalbe good and effectuall to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, vntill the sayde letters Patentes of repeale, Proclamations, and xl. dayes shalbe so had, made, runne, and past: and that all and euery act and actes, thing and thinges, vsed, had, committed, doen, suffred, or executed by the auctho̅ritie of the sayde acte or actes, or anye of them, within any of the sayde ages of xxiiii.yeres, according to the purporte, tenor, & effect of the sayde act or actes, or any of them, shalbe good and effectual for euer, the sayde repeale so to be made, in any wise notwithstanding, &

that all and euery persone and persones, bodies politique and corporat, shall and may by the auctoritie of thys present acte, from time to time, aswell after the sayde repeale as before, pleade, or allege, for his or their defence, excuse, indemnitie, profite, benefite, or aduantage, all and euery suche act or actes, or any of them so reuoked, adnulled, or repealed, or to bee reuoked, adnulled, or repealed, for, concerninge, or in anye wise touching any thing or thynges had, vsed, graunted, suffered, possessed, committed, doen, or accrued, by thauctoritie, sufferannce, or force of the sayd acte and actes, or anye of them before the reuocatien, adnullation, or repealinge of the same, in suche and as ample maner and fourme, as if the sayd acte and actes so to be reuoked, adnulled, or repealed, and euery of them, had stand in hys and their full strength, force, and effect, and as yf the sayd act or actes had neuer ben reuoked, adnulled, or repealed: anye thyng in suche repeale conteined notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, & be it also ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no kyng nor kynges of thys realme, shal haue auctoritie, power, or prerogatiue, to repeale any acte of Parlament or estatute, that shalbe made in the tyme of anye kyng before the sayde age of xxiiii. yeres, other then such as be, or shalbe made in his owne tyme: any thing above mencioned to the contrarye in anye wise notwithstanding.

¶ An act for the repeale of certain statutes, concerning treasons, felonies, &c. ¶ The .xii. Chapiter.

NOthing being more godlye, more sure, more to bee wished & desired betwixt a Prince, the supreme head and ruler, & the subiectes, whose gouernour & head he is, then on the princes parte, great clemencie and indulgencie, and rather to muche forgeuenesse & remission of hys royal power, & iuste punishemēt; then exact seueritie & iustice to be shewed: & on the subiects behalfe that they shoulde obey rather for loue, and for the necessitie and loue of a kyng and Prince, then for feare of hys streighte and seuere lawes: yet suche times at some time commeth in the common wealth, that it is necessary and expedient, for the repressing of the insolencie and vnrulines of men, and for the foreseeing and prouiding of remedies against rebellion, insurrection, or suche mischiefes (as god some tyme with ys displesed for oure punishement doth inflicte and laye vpon vs, or the Deuill at Goddes permission to assaye the good and goddes elect, doth sowe, and sette emonges) the which almyghtie God, with hys helpe and mannes policie, hath alwayes been content and pleased to haue stayed, that shat per lawes, as a harder bryddle should be made, to stay those men & factes, that might els be occasion, cause and auctheurs of further inconuenience, the which thing caused the prince of most famous memory, kyng Henry the eight, father to our said souereigne Lord the kyng, and other hys vnckenes progenitours, with thassent of the nobles & commons, at diuers Parlaments in theire seueral tymes holden, to make and enacte

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certain lawes and statutes, which mighte seeme and appeare to men of exterior realmes & many of the kyngs maiesties subiects very streight, sore, extreme, & terrible, although they wer then, when they were made not without great consideration & politie, moued and established, and for the time to thauoidaunce of further inconuenience, very expedient and necessary. But as in tempest or winter, one course, & garment is cōuenient, in calme or warme wether, a more liberal rase, or lyghter garment, both may, and ought to be folowed and vsed: so we haue seene diuers streight and sore lawes made in one Parlement, the tyme so requiring, in a more calme and quiet reigne of another prince, by the like authoritie and Parlament repealed and taken awaye. The whiche moste hyghe clemencie and Royall example of hys Maiesties most noble progenitours, the kyngs hyghenes of hys tender & godly nature most geuē to mercy and loue of his Subiectes, willing to followe, and perceauing the hartie and syncere loue, that hys moste louing Subiectes, both the Lordes & cōmons doth beare vnto hys hyghnesse, now in thys hys maiesties tēder age, willing also to gratifie the same therfore, and minding further to prouoke hys sayde subiectes with indulgencie and clemencie shewed on hys hyghnes behalfe, to more loue and kyndnes toward hys Maiestie (if it may be) and vpon trust that they will not abuse the same, but rather be encoraged thereby more faithfully, & with more diligence (if it may bee) and care for hys Maiestie, to serue hys hyghnesse now in thys hys tender age, is contented and pleased, that ẏ seueritie of certain lawes here folowing be mitigated & remitted: Be it therfore ordeined and enacted by the kyng our souereigne lord, with thassent of the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and of the cōmons in thys present parliamēt assembled, & by the authoritie of the same, that from henceforthe, none acte, deede, or offence, being by acte of Parlament, or statute made treason, or petit treason, by woordes, writing, typhring, dedes, or otherwise whatsoeuer shalbe taken, had, demed, or adiudged to bee hygh treason, or petit treason, but onely such as be treason or petit treason, in, or by the acte of Parliamēt, or statute made in the xxv. yere of the reigne of ẏ moste noble kyng of famous memory kyng Edward the iii. touching, or cōcerning treason, or the declarations of treasons: & suche offences as hereafter shall by thys present acte be expressed & declared to bee treason, or petit treason, and none other, nor that any peynes of deathe, penaltie, or forfeyture in any wise insue, or be to any of the offendors, for the doyng or committing any treason, or petit treason, other then such as be in the said estatute made in the sayd xxv. yere of the reigne of the saide kynge Edward the iii. or by thys present estatute ordeined & prouided: any act or actes of parliamēt, statute or statutes, had, or made at any time heretofore, or after the sayde xxv. yere of the reigne of the said late king Edward the third, or anye other declaration or matter, to the contrarye in anye wise notwithstanding.

And also bee it enacted by the auctho͠itie afo͠esaide, that all actes of Parlament and estatutes, touching, mentioning, o͠ in anye wise concerning religion o͠ opinions, that is to say, aswell the Statute made in the first yere of the reigne of the kyngs noble p͠ogenitour kynge Richarde the second, and the statute made in the second yere of the reigne of king Henry the v. and the Statute also made in the xxb. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the eight, concerning punishment and refo͠mation of Heretiques and lollardes, and euery p͠ouision therein conteined, and the statute made fo͠ thabolishement of diuersitie of opinio͠s, in certain articles concerning Christian religion, commonly called the vi. articles made in the Parlament begonne at Westminster the xxviii. daye of Aprill, in the xxxi. yere of the reigne of the most noble and victo͠ious P͠ince, of most famous memo͠y kyng Henry the eight, father to oure most dread Soueraine lo͠d the king that now is, and also thact of Parlament and statute made of the Parlament begon at Westminster the xvi. daye of January, in the xxxiii. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry ỹ eight and after that p͠o͠oged vnto the xxii. day of January, in the xxxiiii. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight, touching, mentioning, o͠ in any wise co͠cerning bokes of thold and new testament in English, and the P͠inting, vttering, sellyng, geuing, o͠ deliueringe of bookes, o͠ writtinges, and retayning of English bookes o͠ Writings, and reading, p͠eaching, teaching, o͠ expounding of scripture, o͠ in any wise touching, mencioning, o͠ concerning any of the same matters. And also one other statute made in the parlament holden at Westminster, in the xxxb. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight, concerning the qualification of the statute of vi. articles, & all & euery other act o͠ actes of parlament, concerning doctrine, o͠ matters of religion, & all and euery b͠aunche, article, sentence, and matter, peines & fo͠feitures co͠teined, mentioned, o͠ in any wise declared, in any of the same actes of parlament, o͠ estatutes, shal fro͠ hencefo͠th be repeled, & vtterly voide & of none effect.

And bee it further o͠deined and enacted by the auctho͠itie afo͠esayd, that all offences made felony, by any acte o͠ actes of parlament, statute, o͠ statutes, made sithens the xxiii. daye of Aprill, in the fifte yere of the reigne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eight, not being felony befo͠e, & also, all and euery the b͠aunches and articles mentioned, o͠ in any wise declared, in any of the same statutes, concerning the makyng of any offence o͠ offences, to be felony, not being felony befo͠e: and all peynes & fo͠feitures, concerning the same, o͠ anye of them, shal from hencefo͠the be repealed, and vtterly voide and of none effect.

And bee it also o͠deyned & enacted by the auctho͠itie afo͠esayde, that one acte made in the Parlament holden at Westminster, in the xxxi. yere of the reigne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eight, that p͠oclamacions made by the kyngs hyghnesse, by the aduise of hys hono͠able counsaile, shoulde bee obeyed and kepte, as though they were made by auctho͠itie

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of a parliament: and also one other act made in the Parliament holden in the xxviii. yere of the reigne of the said late king Henry the eight, for the due execution of the said proclamations, & also all & euery braunche, article & matter in the same statutes, & euery of them mencioned or declared shal from henceforth be repealed, and vtterly voide, and of none effect.

And bee it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that yf any persone or persones, at any tyme after the firste daye of Marche nexte comming, by open preaching, expresse wordes or sayinges, do affirme, or set forth, that the kyng, hys heires or successours kynges of this realme for the time being is not, or ought not to bee supreme head in earth of the Church of England and Ireland, or any of them, immediately vnder God, or that the bishop of Rome, or any other person or persons, other then the kyng of Englande for the time being is, or ought to bee by the lawes of God, supreme head of the same thinges, or of any of them, or that the kyng, hys heires or successours kynges of thys realme, is not, or ought not to bee kyng of England, Fraunce and Ireland, or of any of them, or after the sayd firste day of Marche, doe compasse or imagine by open preachinge, expresse woordes, or sayinges, to depose or deprive the kyng, hys heires, or successours kynges of thys realme, from hys, or theire Royall estate, or titles, to, or of the realmes aforesayd, or doe openly publishe, or say by expresse wordes or sayinges, that any other persone, or persons, other then the kyng, hys heirs or successours kynges of thys realme, of right ought to be kynges of the realmes aforsaid, or any of them, or to haue & enioy the same, or anye of them: that then euery suche offendor being therof duely conuicted, or attainted by the lawes of thys realme, their aidors, cofortors, abbettors, procurours, and counsailours, for his or their firste offence, shall lose and forfayte to the kyng, all hys & theire goodes, and cattalles, and also shall haue & suffre imprisonement, of hys & theyr bodies, at the kyngs will and pleasure. And if any persone beyng once conuicted or attainted of anye of the sayde offences, shall after hys conuiction or attaindour eftsones commit or perpetrate any of the offences before mencioned, other then such as be expressed in the sayde statute, made in the sayde xxv. yere of kyng Edwarde the iii. and shalbe therof duely cõuicted or attainted by the lawes of this realme: that then euery suche offendor, their aidors, cõfortors, abbettours, procurours and counsaylors, for his, or their said second offence or offences, shall lose and forfayte to the kyng, the whole issues and profites of all hys & their lãdes, tenementes, & other hereditamentes, benefices, prebendes, & other spirituall promotions, for terme of life, of suche offendour or offendoures: & shall also lose and forfayte to the kyng all his and their goodes and cattalles, and also suffre, during hys and their liues, perpetuall imprisonment of his and their bodies. And if anye persone being two tymes hereafter conuicted or attainted of any of the same offences, shall after his said second conuiction or attainder, eftsons commit or perpetrate again any of

the said offences to be therof duely conuicted or attainted by the lawes and statutes of this realme: that then euery such third offence or offences, shalbe demed and adiudged high treason, and the offendor or offendors, their aidors, comfortors, abbettours, procurours, & counsailours, being therin conuicted or attainted, according to the lawes & statuts of this realme, shalbe deemed and adiudged highe traitours, & shal suffre peines of deathe, and lose and forfaite all theire goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that if any persone or persones, at any time after the sayd first day of March next comming, by writing, printing, ouert deede or acte, doe affirme, or sett forth, that the kyng of this realme for the tyme being, is not, or ought not to be supreme head in earth of the churche of England and Ireland, or of any of them, immediately vnder God: or shall, by writing, printing, ouert deede, or acte, after the sayd first daye of Marche, affirme, or set forth, & the bishop of Rome, or any other person or persons, other then the kyng of Englande for the time being, is, or ought to be by the lawes of God, or otherwise, the supreme head in earth of the same churches, or of anye of them: or do after the said first day of March, compasse, or imagine by writing, printing, ouert deede or acte, to depose or deprive the kyng, his heires or successours kyngs of this realme, frō his, or their royal estate, or titles of the kyng of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, or of anye of them: or by any writing, printing, ouert dede, or acte, do affirme, & any other persone or persons, other then the kyng, his heirs and successours is, or of right ought to be king of the realmes of Englande, Fraunce, or Ireland, or to haue and enioy the same, or any of them: that then euery suche offence and offences, shalbe demed and adiudged highe treason, & thoffendour & offendours, their aidours, cōfortors, abbettors, procurers, and counsailours therin cōuicted or attainted, according to the lawes & statutes of this realme, shalbe demed and adiudged highe traitours, & shal suffre peines of death, & lose & forfeit al theire goodes and cattales, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in cases of highe treason.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that this estatute, or any thing therein conteined, shal not in anye wise extende to repell, adnulle, or make frustrate or voyde, anye acte or actes of Parlament, statute or statutes made, concerninge the counterfeytinge, or forgeing of any of the coynes of this Realme, or for the coyne of any other realme or realmes, currāt within this realme, or for clipping, washinge, or filing anye of the sayd coines, or for, or concerninge the bringing into this realme, of counterfaite money or coyne: ne to anye statute made in the xxvii. yere of the said late kyng Henry the eight, concerning the false forgeing and counterfeyting of the kynges sygnes Manuell, priuie signate, or priuie seale, ne to their counsailours, procurors, aidours, and abbettours, nor to any article or braunche concerning the same offences, or

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any of them conteined in the same statutes, or any of them.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any the heires of the king our said soueraigne lord that now is, or anye persone or persones, to whom the crowne and dignitie of this realme is limited and appointed by act of parlament, made in the xxxv. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight, or the heires of any of them doe at any time hereafter, vsurpe the one of them vpon the other, in the crowne of this realme, or demaunde, challenge, or claime the same, otherwise, or in any other fourme or degree of discent or succession, or in any other course, fourme, degree, or condition, but onely in suche maner & fourme, as is declared by the said estatute: or if any of the saide heires, or persons aforesayde, do interrupt, or let the kynges highnesse that now is, peaceablye & quietly to kepe, haue, and enioy the said imperiall Crowne: that then all & singular the offendors, their aidors, confeterers, abettors, procurors, and counsailors therein, shalbe demed and adiudged high traitors, and shall suffre and incurre the peines of death, losse and forfeitures, as is aforesayd, in cases of high treason.

And it is further ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, that heretofore hath been, or at any time hereafter shalbe, in due fourme of the lawes attainted or conicted of murder or malice prepensed, or of poisoning of malice prepensed, or of breakynge of any house by day or by night, any persone being then in ỹ same house, where the same breaking heretofore hath been, or hereafter shalbe committed, and heretofore hath been, or hereafter shalbe, thereby put in feare or dreade, or of, or for robbing of any person or persons in the high way, or nere to the high waye, or for felonious stealing of horses, geldynges, or mares, or of felonious taking of any goodes out of any parish church or other churche or chappel, or being indicted or appealed of anye of the same offences, and thereupon found gyltie by verdict of xii. men, or shall confesse the same, vpon hys or their arreignement, or will not aunswere directly, according to the lawes of this realme, or shal stande wilfully, or of malice mute, shall not bee admitted to haue or enioye the priuilege or benefite of hys clergie or Sanctuary, but shalbe put from the same: and that in all other cases of felonie, other then suche as before mentioned, all and singuler persone & persones, which after the first daye of March next comming, shalbe arreigned or founde gyltie, vpon his or their arreignement, or shal confesse the same, or stand mute in fourme aforesayd, or will not aunswere directly in fourme aboue said, shal haue and enioy the priuilege and benefite of his or their clergie, the libertie and priuilege of Sanctuarye, in like maner and fourme, as he or they might, or shoulde haue doen, before the xxiiii. day of April, in the firste yere of the reigne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eight.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all clauses, articles, and sentences, mentioned, or specified in any acte or

actes of parlament, statute or statutes made in the tyme of the reigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eight, touching, or in any wise concerning any maner of challenge, for the Countie, Hundred, or peremptory challenge, or any of them, or touching, or in any wise concerning any maner of trial of forein pleas pleded by murtherers, felons, or other offendors shall, as concerning the said challenges and trials, remaine in their force and strength not repealed, any thing in thys act mentioned, sounding or semyng to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that thys act of parlament, or any thing therin mencioned as concerning the repeale of anye estatute or estatutes made touching treason, or misprision of treason, shall not in any wise geue any maner of benefit, aduauntage, or commoditie, to any persone or persones, being the last day of October late past, arrested, or anprisoned for treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason, or to any person or persons heretofore being indicted of treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason, or to any other persone or persons being likewise conuicted, outlawed, or attainted of treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason: or beyng fled beyond the seas, or into Scotlande, before the sayde laste daye of October laste paste, for any treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason: but that they & euery of them, shall suffre suche peines of death, losses and forfeitures of landes and goodes, as in cases of treason, as though thys acte had neuer been had or made: any thing in thys acte to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding: & that the lawes & statutes repealed by thys act shall stand against them & euery of them, in full strength, vertue, force and effect, concerning all & euery offence by them, or any of them, heretofore comitted or doen.

Prouided also, and be it ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all wilfull killinge, by poysoning of anye persone or persones, that at anye time hereafter shalbe doen, perpetrated, or committed, shalbe adiudged, take, and deemed wilful murders of malice prepensed: and that the offendors therin, their aiders, abbettours, procurours, & counsailours, shall suffre death, and forfait in euery behalfe, as in other cases of willfull murder of malice prepensed.

And ouer that, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that in all and euery cale and cases, where any of the kynges Walshes subiectes shall & maye vpon hys prayer, haue the priuilege of clergie, as a Clerke conuict, that may make purgation in all those cases, and euery of them, and also in all and euery cale and cases of felony, wherein the priuilege and benefite of clergie is restreined, excepted, or take away by thys estatute, or acte, (wilful murder, and poysoning of malice prepensed, onelye excepted) the Lorde and lordes of the parlament, and pere and peres of the realme hauing place and voyce in parlament, shall by vertue of thys present acte of common grace, vpon hys, or their requeste or prayer, alleging that he is a Lorde, or pere of this realme, & claiminge the benefite

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of thys act, though he cannot reade, without any lawninges hand, losse of inheritaunce, or corruption of hys bloud, be adiudged, demeaned, taken, & vsed, for hys first tyme onely, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as a clerke conuict, & shall in case of a clerke conuict, whiche maie make purgation, without any further or other benefite or priuiledge of clergie, to any such Lorde or pere, from thencefoorth at any tyme after, for any cause to be allowed, adiudged, or admitted: any lawe, statute, vsage, custome, or any other thing to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that if anye of the sayde Lordes of the parliament, or any of the peres of thys realme for the time being, shal fortune to bee indicted of any of the offences limitted in thys act: that the same lorde or lordes of them, shal haue hys or their triall by their peeres, as it hath been vsed heretofore, in cases of hygh treason.

And bee it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf any persone or persones, that by thys statute, or by any other statutes or lawes of thys realme ought to haue, or bee admitted, to the benefite of thys, or their clergie: that the same persone and persones, shalbe from hencefoorth admitted & allowed, to hys or their clergie, although they, or any of them, haue ben diuers & sundrye times maried, to any single woman, or single women, or to anye widowe, or widowes, or to two wiues, or moranye law, statute, or vsage, to the contrarye in anye wise notwithstanding.

And ouer that, it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that albeit any persone, or persones, of what estate, condicio, or degree he or they be, shal hereafter fortune to be attainted, conuicted, or outlawed of anye treason, petit treason, misprision of treason, murder, or Felonye whatsoeuer, yet that notwithstanding, euery woman, that is, or shall fortune to bee wife of the persone so attainted, conuicted, or outlawed, shalbe endowable and enable to demaunde, haue, and enioye her dower, in like manet and fourme, as though her husband had not been attainted, conuicted, or outlawed: any statute, lawe, vsage, or custome, to the contrarye in any wise notwithstanding. Sauing to all and euery other persone and persones, bodies politike and corporate, theire heires and successors, and to euery of them, other then to such offendour or offendours as shalbe attainted, conuicted, or outlawed, all such right, title, interest, entree, leases, possession, condition, profit, commoditie, and hereditamentes, as they or any of them had, or should, or of right ought to haue, before, or at the time of the sayd attainder, conuiction, or outlagarie.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayde, that one acte made at the Parlament holden at Westminster, vpon diuers prorogations, the iiii. day of Febuary, in the xxvii. yere of the sayd late kynge Henry the eighte, and there continued and kept, vntill the xxiiii. daye of Aprill then next ensuing, concerning and touching the felonious taking awaye by anye seruaunt, the goodes or cattalles, of the maister or maistresse, and all Articles and Sentences conteyned in the same acte, shall

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ſtande,be,and remaine in full ſtrength,force,and effecte,in ſuche maner and fourme,as it did before the making of thys preſent act,the repeael, or reuocation of the acts abouesayde, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes,and be it enacted by the auctoritie abouesaid, that no perſone or perſones ſhal in any wiſe be impeched,or put to aunſwere for any of thoffences abouesaid,cõcerning treaſons, by open preaching, or wordes onely,vnleſſe the partie offendor or offendors bee thereof accuſed within xxx.dayes next after the ſame opẽ preaching,or wordes ſo ſpoken or declared,if thaccuſours ſhal fortune to be within thys realme, during the ſayde ſpace of xxx.dayes,next after the ſayd offence cõmitted or doen. And if the accuſors ſhal happen to be out of this realme, during the ſaid ſpace of xxx.daies: then the partie or parties ſo offending,ſhalbe accuſed,as is aforeſayde,within ſixe monethes,next after the ſame preaching,or wordes ſpoken or declared: or els the partie or parties ſo offendyng,their aidors,comfforters,abbettours,and counſailours, or anye of thẽ not to be empeached,or put to aunſwere for any ſuch offence,or offẽces,& ẏ the ſame accuſation,or accuſatiõs ſo to be had, made,& declared, ſhalbe made to one of the kyngs counſaile,or to one of the kyngs Juſtices of Aſſiſe, or els to one of the kynges Juſtices of peace beynge of the Quorum,or to two Juſtices of the peace,within the Shyre, where the ſame offence or offences ſhal happen to be doen or committed: any thing cõteyned in thys act to the cõtrary therof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alſo,& bee it declared and enacted by the auctheritie abouesayde,that concelement,or keping ſecrete anye high treaſon,ſhalbe from henceforth adiudged,demed,& taken,miſpriſion of treaſon, & the offendor therein ſhall forfayte and ſuffre, as in caſes of miſpriſion of treaſon, as heretofore hath been vſed: any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrarye notwithſtanding.

Prouided alſo, & be it declared & enacted by the auctoritie abouesaid, that thys acte or any thing therein conteyned, ſhall not extende to charge,or make any perſone or perſones to bee offendor or offendors,in any of ẏ articles abouesaid,for calling,naming,ſaying,writing, or printinge the Frenche kyng,for the tyme beyng,by ẏ name of the kyng of Fraũce or Frenche kyng,any thing aboue declared and enacted,to the contrary in anye wiſe notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes,and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayd,that no perſone or perſones,after the firſte daye of Februarye next comming ſhalbe indicted,arreygned,condemned,or conuicted, for anye offence of treaſon, petit treaſon, miſpriſion of treaſon,or for anye woordes before ſpecified,to bee ſpoken after the ſayd firſte daye of February,for whiche the ſame offendoute,ſpeaker,offendours,or ſpeakers, ſhall in anye wiſe ſuffre any peynes of death,impriſonment,loſſe,or forfeiture of his goodes,cattalles,landes or tenementes: vnleſſe the ſame offendor, ſpeaker, offendours,or ſpeakers bee accuſed by two ſufficient and lawefull witneſſes,

nesses, as shall willingly without violence confesse the same.

¶ An act for a Subsidie of tonnage & poundage of merchaundise, with a proviso for the confirmation of the Priuileges of the merchauntes of the Styliard, which proviso shall indure but onely to thende of thys Parliament.

¶ The xiii. Chapiter.

IN their most humble wise shewen vnto your most excellent Maiestie, your poore cõmons in thys your present parliament assembled, that wher aswel your most dearest father of famous memorie kyng Henry ỳ viii. as also your most worthy graundfather kyng Hẽry ỳ vii. & other your noble predecessours kings of this your realme of Englãd, time out of minde, haue had, graũted vnto them, & enioyed of the cõmons of the same realme, for the tyme being, by auctoritie of parlamẽt, for the defence of the same nowe youre realme, & the keping & safegarde of the seas for thẽtercourse of merchãdise, safely to come into the same youre Realme, & to passe out of ỳ same, certain sommes of money, named subsidies, of all maner of gooddes and merchaũdises, cõming in, or going out of the same your realme: & forasmuch as we your said poore cõmõs haue perceiued your Maiesties good fauour & will towards vs your said poore cõmons, had aswel in the defence of vs, & this your realme, against your rebels the Scottes, as also the keping & sure defending of the Seas, against all persons intending the disturbance & inuasion of thys your realme, & vs your said cõmõs to our great cõfort & reioising, as cause requireth, & to your maiestie great costes, charges, & expences, & also not doubting the sequele of the same if nede shall require: We therfore your said poore cõmons, as bounden of duetie, humbly desire your excellẽt Maiestie benignely & fauourably to take, accept, & receiue these our poore grauts hereafter ensuing, as grauted of true hartes & good willes, which we beare to your highenes, towardes your said great costes, charges & expences, aswel heretofore expended & laid out, as hereafter by your Maiestie for the causes aforesaid, whẽ nede shal require, to be expẽded & laid out, as the first fruits of our good willes & hartes toward your highnesse, although the same doe, or hereafter shal nothing in effect counteruaile your saide costes, charges, & expẽces, which we be not able fully to gratifie by any meanes. First, we your poore cõmons, by the aduise & assent of the Lords spirituall & tẽporall, in thys youre present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, to thintent aforesaid, geue and graunt to you ours said Souereigne Lord, one subsidie called tonnage, that is to saye, of euery tonne of wine comming, or that shal, or is come into thys your realme, by way of merchãdise, the summe of iii.s. & so after the rate: & of euery tonne of swete wine, aswel malmesey as other that shall, or is come into the same your realme, by euery or any merchant alien, aswel by the merchaũts of

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Haunse and Almayne, as by any other merchant straunger, of what nacion soeuer he bee iii.s. and so after the rate, ouer & aboue the iii.s. afore graunted. And of euery awine of Renishe wine comming, or that shal, or is come into thys your realme, by way of merchaundise, by euery, or any merchaunt, denizen, or alien, of what nation soeuer he be xii.d. And also one other subsidie, called pódage, that is to saye, of all maner of goodes and merchaundises, of euerye Marchaunt, Denizen and alien whatsoeuer he be, caried, & to be caried, out of this your said realme, or brought or to be brought into the same by waye of merchaundises of the value of euery.xx.s. of the same goodes and merchaundises xii.d. and so after the rate. And of xx.s. value of Tinne and Pewter vessell caried oute of thys your realme by any and euery merchaut alien xii.d. ouer and aboue the xii.d. aforesaid. Except alwayes and forprised out of thys graunt of subsidie of poundage, all maner of wollen cloth made and wrought, or that shalbe made and wrought within thys realme of England, & by euerye, or anye merchaunte denizen and not borne alien, caried or to bee caried out of thys your saide realme, and all maner of wolle, wolle felles, & hides, and barkes of Lether also caried, or to be caried out of thys your realme, and all wines, and all maner of freshe fishe and bestial, comming, or that is, or shal come into the same your realme.

And further, we your sayde poore commons by the aduise, assent, and auctoritie aforesayd, geue and graunt vnto you our said Souereigne Lorde, for the causes aboue rehearsed, one other Subsidie of all maner of wolle, wolle felles, & lether caried, or to be caried out of this your realme, in maner and fourme following, that is to say of euery merchant denizen of, & for enery sacke of woll xxxiii.s. iiii.d. And of euery cc.xl. wolfelles. xxxiii.s. iiii.d. And of, and for euerye laste of hydes and backes, of euery suche merchaunt denizen. iii.li. vi.s. viii.d. And also of euerye merchaunt straunger not borne your liege man, as well those that bee made denizens, as hereafter shalbe made by letters patentes or otherwise, as all other merchaunt straungers, of, and for euery sacke of wolle. iii.li. vi.s. viii.d. And, of, & for euerye. cc.xl. wollefelles. iii.li. vi.s. viii.d. And also of euery last of hydes and backes. iii.li. xiii.s. iiii.d. And so of all the said wolles, wollefelles, hydes & backes, & euery of them, after the rate that so is, or shalbe caried, to haue, take, enioye, and perceaue the subsidies aforesaide, & euery of thē, & euery part or parcel of them to your hyghnes from the first daye of your most noble reigne, during your lyfe natural.

And further, we your sayde poore commons most humbly desire your Maiestie, that it may be enacted by your hyghnesse, by the aduise & assent of the Lordes aforesayde, and vs your sayde commons, and by the foresayde auctoritie of thys present Parlament assembled, that the giftes & grauntes aforesayde, shalbee good and effectual, accordinge to the true meaning of the same. And that it may be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, ỳ yf any wines, goodes, merchaundises, wolles, wollefelles,

felles, hydes, & barkes of leather afozesaide, oz other thynges afoze spe-
rifyed wherof the subsidies afozesaid, oz any of them, is oz shalbe here-
after due, shall at any time hereafter, during the time afozesaid, be ship-
ped oz put into any boate, craier, ship oz vessel, to that intent to be cari-
ed into the partes of beyonde the sea, oz els be brought from the partes
of beyõd the sea, into any port, hauẽ, creke, oz other place of this your
realme by way of marchandise and there laide on lande, the Subsidyes
afozesaid of the same (due oz to be due by reason of this graũt) not pai-
ed, oz the collectour of the same Subsidy not agreed with for the same
accozding to the true meanyng and intent of these afozesaid graũtes,
and euery of them: that then from the first day of March next cõmyng
and not before, all the said wines, goods, merchaundises, woolles, wol-
felles, hides and barkes, and other the premisses afozesaide, and euerye
parte and parcel therof so shipped oz els put into any boate, craier, oz o-
ther vessel afozesaide, to thintent afozesaid, oz brought into this realme
and there laid on land, as is also afozesaid, shal remaine fozfait to your
highnes, during the time afozesaid: the one moity therof, oz the value
therof to your highnesse, and the other moyty to him oz them that shall
sease the same oz sue foz the same. And that it may please your highnes
that al marchaunts aswell Denizons as straungers, coming into thys
your realme, be well & honestly intreated & demeaned, as they were in
the time of your afozesaid noble progenitozs wythout oppressiõ to thẽ
to be done, payeng the Subsidies abouesaid.

And ferther, that it be enacted by the mucthozitie afozesaid, that if a-
ny goods, merchaũdises, woolles, wollfelles oz leather afozesaid, oz any
part therof of any merchaunt denizon, naturally bozne your liege man,
which shall passe out of this your said realme, after the said first day of
March, during the terme of this gifres and graunt, shal happen to be
taken with enemies ex pirates vppon the sea, oz perished by misfoztune
in any ship oz ships, that shal happen to be taken oz perished within the
time of the said graunt, wherof the Subsidies afozesaid oz any e of thẽ
to your highnes due oz to be due, is, oz shal be in fozme afozesaid duely
payed oz agreed foz without fraude oz collusion, and such losse oz losses
as ben befoze rehearsed, be found and proued befoze the Treasozer of
England, oz the chiefe Baron of our Eschequer foz the time being, by
the examination of the same merchaunts if they be on liue, oz of their
executours oz administratozs, if they be dead, oz two true credible per-
sons swozne, oz other reasonable witnes & prokes swozne, wytnessinge
the same merchaũdises so to be lost oz perished: that then the same mer-
chaunts denizons that were oz shalbe owners of the afozesayd goods
merchauntes, woolle, wollfelles, hydes oz other merchaundises afoze-
said, as shall be so perished oz lost, if they be on liue, oz their executours
and admynystratours, if they bee dead, and euerye of them, by foze
and vertue of this acte when them liketh, duringe the said terme, shall

mone ship all myche wolle, wollefelles, hides or other marchaūdise in ỳ same porte or portes, in whiche the same woll, wollfelles, hides, or other goodes and marchaundises aforesayd, soone & perished, were or shall be shipped without any of the subsidies aforesayd now graūted, to be had or paied therfore in anywise, and that al such profites of the premisses so to be lost or perished, be certifyed into your Chauncery, by your said treasorer or chief Baron, there to remaine of record, and after such certificat made the Chauncellor of England, or the Lord keper of your great seale, for the time being, do make and deliuer vnto the said merchaunts, their executors or administrators, or any of them, or to their attorney or to their attorneis in that behalfe, or any of them, as many & such writtes and warranties to be directed as well to the collectours of the subsidies aforesaid, or any or euery of them for the time being, as to the treasorer & barons of your Exchequer for the time being as shalbe requisite and nedeful for the said merchaūts, their executors or administratours or their attorney or attorneys, or any of thē, or the saide collectors or any of them, to haue for the obtayning, aswel of the shipping, as of allowance therof: And further that euery marchaūt denizen that shal ship hereafter any woll, wollfelles, hides, or anye other goodes & marchaundises in any carricke or galley, shall paye to your Maiestie during the time aforesaide, all maner of customes and al the subsidies aforesaide, as any alien borne out of this your realme.

Prouided alwaies, that no acte, statute, or ordinaunce had, made or to be made in this present Parliament, be in any wise hurtfull or preiudicial vnto the merchaunts of the Hanse in Almaine, hauing the house in the citie of London, comonly called Guilhalda Theutonicorum, nor to any fraunchises, liberties or priuileges to them or their predecessors before this time had, agreed, graunted or confirmed, nor to any lawful vsages by them or by their predecessors before this time vsed, but that the saide merchauntes and their successors haue, holde, and enioye, all their saide fraunchises, libertyes, and free vsages, according to suche grauntes, confirmacions and agrementes, as by the kynge and his noble progenitors kinges of Englande haue beene agreed, made & graūted and had to the said merchaunts or theire predecessours, and according to their lawfull vsages in euery thing, by whatsoeuer other name or names, the same merchaūts, or any of them be called, or named: any acte, statute, or ordinaunce made or to be made in this present Parlyament to the contrary notwithstanding: This present prouiso to endure and continue vnto the ende of this present parliament.

¶ The.xiiii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte whereby certaine Chaunteries, Colleges, free chappelles, and the possessions of the same, be geuen to the kyngs Maiestie.

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The kinges moſt louing ſubiects, the lordes Spirituall & temporal, & the cõmons in this preſent parliamente aſſembled, conſidering ẏ a great part of ſuperſticiõ & errours in Chriſtian religion, hath been brought into ẏ mindes & eſtimacõ of men, by reaſon of ẏ ignorance of their very true & perfit ſaluacõ, through ẏ death of Ieſus Chriſt, & by deuiſing & phãtaſying vain opinions of purgatorie, & maſſes ſatisfactorie, to be done for them, which be departed: The which doctrine & vain opinio, by nothyng more is maiteined and vpholden then by the abuſe of Trentalles, Chauntries, and other prouiſions made for the continuaunce of the ſaide blindneſſe and ignoraunce. And ferther conſidering and vnderſtanding that the alteracion, chaunge, & amendement of the ſame, & conuerting to good and godly vſes, as in erecting Grãmer Scholes to the education of youth in vertue and godlines, the further augmenting of the Vniuerſities, & better prouiſion for the poore and needie, cannot in this preſente Parliamente be prouided, and conuenientlye done, nor cannot, ne ought to anye other maner perſone be committed, then to the Kinges highneſſe, whoſe Maieſtie, with, and by the aduiſe of his highnes moſt prudente Counſaile, can & wil moſt wiſely, and beneficially dothe for the honour of God, and the weale of his Maieſties Realme, order, alter, conuerte, and diſpoſe the ſame. And calling further to their remembraunce that in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the, xxv vii. yeare of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde kynge Henrye the eighte, father to our moſte dreade and natural Soueraigne Lorde the kynge, that now is it was ordeined, enacted, and eſtabliſhed emongſt other thynges, that al & ſingular Colleges, free Chappelles, Chauntries, Hoſpitalles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, and other promocions, mencioned in the ſaide former act, had, or made to haue continuance in perpetuitie for euer, and then being, or that hadde, or ought to bee contributorie or chargeable to the payment of the firſt fruites and tenthes, accordynge to the lawes and ſtatutes in that behaulfe hadde, and made by what name, ſurname, degree, or corporacõ, they, or any of thẽ were founded ordeined, eſtabliſhed, erected, named, called, or knowen: and al and ſinguler the manſion houſes, manours, orchardes, gardens, landes, tenementes, paſtures woods, waters, rentes, reuercions, ſeruices, cõmons, tythes, pencions, porcions, churches, chappelles, aduowſons, nompnacions, patronages, annuities, rightes, intereſtes, entrees, condicõs leetes, courtes, liberties, priuileges, fraunchiſes, & other hereditamẽts what ſoeuer, then apperteining, or belonging, or ẏ did appertain, or belong, or were aſſigned, or appointed to anye ſuche colledge, free chapel chauntrye, hoſpital, fraternitie, brotherhed, guilde, ſtypendiarie prycſte or other the ſaide promocions, or to any of thẽ, or accepted, knowen, or taken as part, parcel, or member of them, or of any of them: & to the ſaid

Colleges, chauntryes, free chappelles, hospytalles, fraternytyes, brotherhed, guylde, stipendarie prystes, or other promocions, or to any of the vnited, or annexed: which betwene the iiij. day of Februarij in the xxviij. yere of the saide late kings reigne, & the xvij. day of December in the xxxvij. of his graces reigne, by reason of any entree, expulsion, bargaine, sale, feoffement, fyne, recouerie, lease, or other conueighance therof made, were dissolued, determined, or relinquished by any of y waies meanes, or conueighaunces, mencioned in the saide acte, or otherwyse other then such of them, as then were in the possessyon of the saide late king, or that were graunted, or assured by his licence, agrement, cosent or letters patents, to any person or persons, or then had ben lawfullye obteined, or recouered by any person by any former right, or title, without fraude or couin, or by the kynges licence, shal fro thenceforth by auctoritie of the same former acte, be adiudged & deme, & also bee in the very actual and real possession & seison of the saide late king, and of his heires and successours for euer: in as large & ample maner, as the saide prystes, wardens, masters, ministers, gouernours, rulers, or other incumbents or any of them, or the patrons, donours, or foundours of any of them at any time sithens the said xxvij. day of Februarij in the xxviij. yere aforesayd, had, occupied, or enioyed, or then had, occupied, or enioyed the same, & as though all and singuler the said colleges, chauntries, hospitalles, free chappelles, fraternities, brotherheddes, guildes and other the saide promocions, and the saide manours, Landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other the premisses, whatsoeuer they be, & every of them, had been in the said former acte, specially, particularly, & certainly rehearsed, named, & expressed by expresse woordes, names, surnames, corporasions, titles, and faculties, and in their natural kinds and qualities: the saide entrees, expulsions, bargaines, sales, fynes, feoffements, recoueries, or other assurance, and conueyghaunce whatsoeuer they were, had, or made (except before in the former act excepted) to the contrary notwithstanding. And where also it was enacted and graunted by the saide late king, by the saide former acte, that the same late king during his natural lyfe, might make and direct his commissiō and commissions vnder his great seale, to entre into al & singuler suche and as manye chauntryes, free chappelles, hospytalles, colleges, and other the promocions mencioned in the saide former acte, & into al and singuler suche manours, mansions, houses, measses, lands, tenements, pastures, woodes, waters, rentes, reuertions, seruices, possessions, & other heredytaments whatsoeuer, or into any parte, or parcell thereof in the name, season, and possessyon of all the hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belonging, or apperteining to any chauntry, hospital, free chappel, college, fraternytie, brotherhed, guilde, or other the saide promocions, or wherof any prystes, prouostes, gouernours, rulers, or other incumbentes, of them, or any of them, by what name, surname, degree,

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title,or corporacion,they,and euery of them,or anye of them were foũded,erected,ordeined,established,named,called,or knowē,then had or enioyed,or that hereafter should haue,or enioye to the said chauntries hospitalles,free chappelles, colledges,fraternityes,brotherheds, guildes,or other the saide promocions that then were chargeable to ỳ payment of the first fruites,and tenthes: & all colleges that were chargeable,or not chargeable to the said payment of the first fruites & tenthes as is aforesaide,or to any of them, as should be named, expressed & appointed in the sayde commission or commissions: and to seise and take the same chauntries,hospitalles,colleges,free chappelles,fraternities, brotherheddes,guildes,and other the saide promocions, manors,lãds tenementes,and other the premisses mencioned in the saide commissyon or commissyons,and in euery of them,and euerye parte,parcell,and member of the same into the kinges possession and handes,to haue and to holde the same to the saide late king, and to hys heires & successors, for euer,as by the saide former act emongst other things more at large appeareth: it is now ordeyned and enacted by the king our soueraigne Lorde with the assent of the lordes and commons in this present Parliament assembled,and by the authoritie of the same,that al maner of colleges,free chappelles,and chauntries,hauing,being,or in esse,withfiue yeares nexte before the firste daye of this presente Parlyamente, which were not in actual and reall possessyon of the saide late king,nor in the actual and real possession of the kyng our soueraygne lorde that now is,nor excepted in the said former acte in fourme abouesaid,other then suche as by the kings commissyons in fourme hereafter mẽcioned shalbe altered, transposed,or chaunged,and all manours, landes,tenementes,rentes,tithes, pencions,porcions, and other hereditamentes, and thinges aboue mencioned,belonging to them or any of them: and also al Manours,landes,tenementes,rentes,and other hereditamẽts and thinges aboue menсyoned by any maner of assuraunce,conueyghance,wil, deuise,or otherwise,had,made,suffered, knoweleged,or declared,geuen,assigned,limytted, or appoynted to the findinge of anye Priest,to haue continuaunce for euer,and wherewith,or whereby any priest was susteined,mainteined,or founde within fiue yeres nexte before the first day of this present parliament,whiche were not in the actual and real possession of the saide late kyng,nor in the actual and real possession of our soueraigne lorde the king that now is: and also,al annual rents,profites,and emolumentes at any time within fiue yeares next before the begynning of this present Parliament,employed,paied or bestowed,toward,or for ỳ maintenaunce,supportacion,or finding of any stipendarie priestе,intending by any acte,or wryting to haue cõtinuaunce for euer,shall by the authoritie of this presente Parliament, immediatlye after the feast of Easter next comming,be adiudged & demed,and also be in the very actual and real possession and seasen of the

king our soueraigne lord, & his heires, and successors for euer, without anye office or other inquisicion thereof to bee had, or founde, and in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the priestes, wardens, masters ministers, gouernours, rulers, or other incumbentes of them, or any of them, at any time within fiue yeres next before the beginninge of thys present Parliament, had, occupied or enioyed, or now hath, occuppeth, or enioyeth the same, and as though all and singuler the said Colleges free chappelles, chauntries, stipendes, salaries of priestes, and the saide manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other the premisses whatsoeuer they be, & euery of them, were in this present acte specially, particularly, and certeinlye rehearsed, named, and expressed by per presse woordes, names, surnames, corporacions, titles, and faculties, & in their natures, kindes, and qualities.

And ouer that be it ordeined and enacted by the authoritye of this present parliament, that where anye mannours, landes, tenementes, tithes, pencions, porcions, rentes, profites, or other hereditamenes, by any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, wil, demise, or other wise at any time heretofore had, made, suffred, knowledged, or declared, were geuen, assigned, or appointed, to, or for, the maintenaunce, sustentacion, or finding of one priest, or of diuers prestes for terme of certain yeres yet continuing, and that any priste hath been mainteined, susteyned, or found with the same, or with the reuenues, or profites thereof wythin fiue yeres last, past, that the king from the saide feast of Easter next coming, shall haue and enioy in euery behalfe, for, and during al such time to come, euery suche, and like thinges, tenementes, heredytamentes, profites, and emolumentes, as the priest, or prestes oughte, or shoulde haue had, for, or toward his, or their maintenaūce, sustenaunce, or fynding, & for no lenger, or further time, nor for any other profit, auauntage or commoditie therof to be taken.

Prouyded alwaies, and it is ordeined & enacted by the authoritye of this present parliament, that when & assone as the time assigned, for the maintenaunce, sustentacion, or finding of the priste, or prestes shall be expired and runne: that then it shalbe lawfull to euery person & persones, to whome any Manours, landes, tenementes, tithes, porcions, pēcions, rents, and other hereditamētes, or any of them should haue belonged, or apperteined, if the saide former Act and this Acte had neuer bene had, or made, to enter into, take, perceiue, haue and enioy the same without any maner of liuerī, ouster le maine, petition, or other suit to be made to the kinge, in like maner, fourme, and condicion, to all entents constructions, and purposes, as though the saide former Acte and this Acte had neuer bene had, or made, and as though the kinge had neuer had any season or possession therof. Any thing in the sayde former Acte or in this Acte, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

And be it ordeined and enacted by thauethoritie of this present parlament,

liament that the king our soueraigne lorde, his heires, and successours from the saide feast of Easter next comming, shall haue hold, perceiue, & enioy for euer al landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditaments which by any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, willes, will, deuise, or otherwise at any time heretofore had, made, suffred, knowleged, or declared, were geuen, assigned, or appoynted to goe, or bee employed wholye to the fynding, or maintenaunce of any anniuersarye, or obite or other like thing, entente, or purpose, or of any lighte, or lampe, in any churche or chappell, to haue continuaunce for euer, whiche hath beene kepte, or mainteined within fiue yeres nexte before the said first day of this present parliament.

And also that where but parte of the issues, or reuenues of any Manours, landes, tenements, rentes, or other hereditamentes hath by any of the waies, or meanes aboue saide bee geuen, assygned, or appoynted to be bestowed, or employed to the finding or maintenaunce of any anniuersarye, or obite or other like thinge, entente, or purpose, or of anye light, or lampe in any thurche or chappel, and to haue continuaunce for euer: that then our soueraigne lord the king shall from the sayde feaste of Easter next comming for euer haue, perceiue, and enioy euerye such summes of money, that in any one yere within fiue yeres next before ỳ first day of this present parliament, hath been expended and bestowed about the finding, or mayntenance of any suche anniuersary, or obyte, or other like thinge, intente, or purpose of any lighte, or lampe, to hym, his heires, and successours for euer, as a rente charge to bee paied yerely at the feastes of Saincte Michaell the Archangell, and the Annunciacyon of our Lady Saincte Mary the Virgin, by euen portions in the kinges courte of the Augmentacions, and reuenues of his crowne, or in any other court, or courtes, as the king hereafter shall appoynt. And that it shalbe lawful to our saide Soueraigne lord the king, his heirs and successours for none payment of anye suche summe or summes of money, to distreine in the saide manours, landes, and tenementes of the issues and reuenues, whereof the saide anniuersarye, or obyte, or other like thing, or any such light or lãpe was founde, sustained, or mainteyned. And that for lacke of sufficient distresse, in or vppon anye of the premisses, whereof any of the saide yerely rentes, or summes of money should be paied by the space of one moneth next after, that anye of the saide rentes should be paied, and be not paied within the sayd moneth that then it shalbe lawful to, & for our soueraigne Lorde the kinge, hys heires, and successours by vertue of this present acte, to enter into, and to haue, and possesse, as much of the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whereof the said rent, or rents should be leuied, or paied, as the rent or rentes that should be leuied, or paied out of the same, dothe, or shall amount or come to in yerely value, and the same landes, tenements and hereditamentes to holde and kepe, and to haue our sayde Soue-

reigne lord the king, his heires and assignes for euer, or for suche estate as our soueraigne Lord the king, his heirs, or successors, had, or ought to haue had, of, or in the said rent, or rents.

And it is also ordeined and enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliamente, that oure soueraigne lorde the kinge, shall from the saide feast of Easter next comming, haue, perceiue, and enioy al and singuler suche summes of moneye, profites, commodyties, and emolumentes, which by vertue of any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, cõpolicyon, will, deuise, or otherwise, heretofore haue ben geuen, assigned, limitted, or appointed to haue continuance for euer, whiche in any one yeare within fiue yeres next before the beginning of this present parlyament haue bene paied, bestowed, or employed, by any maner of corporacions, guildes, fraternities, companies, or felowships of mysteryes, or crafts, or any of them, beinge in Englande, Wales, and other the kyngs dominions, or by the masters, wardeines, gouernours, or other officers, or ministers, or by the master, warden, gouernor, or other officer, or minyster of them, or any of them, towarde, or about the finding, maintenaunce, or sustentacion of any prieste, or priestes, of anye annyuersary, or obit, lampe, light or lights, or other like thing, as is aforesaid, to our saide souereigne Lorde the king, his heires, and successoures for euer: to be paied yerely, as a rent charge, at the feastes of Sainct Michaell the Archaungel, and the Annunciation of our Lady, by euen porcions, in the kyngs court of Augmentacions, and reuenues of his crowne or in any other courte, or courts, as the kyng hereafter shall appoynt. And that it shalbe lawfull to oure saide soueraigne lord the king, his heires and successours for none payment of anye suche summes, or summe of money, profite, commoditie, or emolumente, or for none payment of anye of them, to distreigne in al ỳ manors, lands, and tenements of euery suche craftes, corporacions, guildes, fraternityes, companyes, or felowshippes of misteryes or craftes, or any, of them, by whom, or by the masters, wardens, gouernors, or other officers, or ministers, or master wardẽ, gouernour, or minister, of the whiche any suche sũmes, or sũme of money, profite, commoditie, or emolument, haue or hath been payed bestowed, or employed: And that all and euery of the saide summes of money, profites, commodities, and emolumentes, shal from the feast of Easter next comming, without any maner of inquisicion, or office to be had, or founde, be iudged and demed to be in the actual and real possession of our said Soueraigne Lord the king, in like maner & fourme, to all intentes, construction, & purposes, as if the same had ben particularly and specially mencioned in this present acte.

And furthermore be it ordeined & enacted by authoritie aforesayde that the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, shall from the saide feaste of Easter next comming, haue, and enioye to him, his heires, and successours for euer, all fraternities, brotherheddes, and guildes, being within the

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Realme of England, and Wales, and other the kings dominions: and al manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, belonging to them, or any of them other then such corporacions, guildes, fraternityes, companies, and felowshippes of misteries, or crafts, & the manors landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, perteining to the said corporacions, guildes, fraternities, companies, and felowships of mysteryes, or craftes aboue mencyoned: and shall by vertue of this acte be iudged and deemed, in actuall and real possession of our said soueraign Lorde the king his heires, and successours, from the said feaste of Easter next comming for euer, without any inquisicions or office therof to be had or found.

And also be it ordeined and enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that our said soueraigne lord the king, hys heires and successours, at his & their will and pleasure may direct his, and theire commissions and commyssyon vnder the greate Seale of Englande to suche persones, as it shal please him. And that the same commissioners, or twoo of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, & of the said commissyon, as well to Surueye all and synguler laye corporacyons, guyldes, fraternytyes, companyes, and felowshyppes of mysteries, or craftes incorporate, and euerye of them, as all other the saide fraternyties, brotherheddes, and guyldes wythin the lymyttes of theire commission, to them directed: And all the Euydences, compositions, bookes of accomptes, and other wrytinges of euery of the, to the intente thereby to knowe, what money, and other thynges was payed, or bestowed to the fyndinge, or maintenaunce of anye prieste, or prieستes anniuersarye, or obite, or other lyke thynge, lyght, or laye, by them, or anye of them: as also to inquire, seatch, and trie by al suche wayes and meanes, as to them shall bee thoughte meete and conuenient, what manoures, landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditamentes, profytes, commodytyes, emolumentes, and other thynges be geeuen, lymitted, or appointed to our saide soueraigne lorde the kyng by thys acte wythin the lymittes of theire commyssyon. And also that the same commyssioners or two of them at the least, by vertue of thys acte, and of the commissyon to them directed, shal haue full power and auctoritie to assigne, and shall appointe in euerye suche place wheare guylde, fraternitye the prieste, or incumbent of any Chauntrye in esse, the first daye of thys presente Parlyamente by the foundacyon ordynaunce, the firste institucion thereof, shoulde or ought to haue kepte a Grammer Schole, or a preacher, and so hathe doone: sithen the feaste of Saunct Mychael the Archaungell laste paste, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes of euerye suche Chauntrye, guylde, and fraternitye to remaine, and continue in succession to a Schole Mayster, or preacher for euer, for, and towarde the keepynge of a Grammer Schole, or Preachinge, and for suche Godlye ententes, and purpoles,

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and in euery maner and towne, as the same Commissioners, or twoe of them at the least shall assigne, or appointe: And also to make and ordeine a Statute to haue perpetuitie for euer, in euerye Parysshe churche the first day of this present Parliamente, beinge a college, free chappell, or chauntrie, or appropried, annexed, or vnited to anye colledge, free chappell, or chauntrie, that shall come to the kynges handes by vertue of this acte, and to endowe euery suche Vicare sufficientlye, hauing respect to his cure and charge, the same endowement to be to euery suche Vicar, and to his successoures for euer, without any other licence, or graunte of the kynge, the Bishoppe, or other Officers of the Diocese. And also the saide commissioners, or two of them at the least, shall haue authoritye by force of this acte, to assigne in euerye greate Towne, or Parishe, where they shal thinke necessarye to haue moe Priests then one for the ministring of the Sacramentes, within the same Towne, or parysshe, Landes, and tenementes belonginge to any chauntrye, chappelle, or stipendary Priest being within the same towne, or parishe the first day of this present Parliament, to bee to suche persone and persones, as the saide commissioners, or twoe of them at the leaste, shall assygne, or appointe to continue in succession for euer, for, and towardes the sufficyent finding, and maintenance of one, or moe Priestes wythin the same towne or paryshe, as by the saide commissioners, or twoe of them shall bee thought necessarie, or conuenient. And aswel to make ordinaunces and rules, concerning the seruice, vse, and demeanour of euerye suche Priest and Scholemaisters, as is aforesaid, to be appointed, as also by what name, or names, he and they shall from henceforth be named and called. And also that the saide commissioners, or twoe of them at the least, shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this act, and of the saide commissyon to them directed, to assigne aswel to euery deane, Master, warden, prouost, and other Incumbente, and minister of any of the saide colledges, free chappelles, or chauntryes, beynge wythin the limittes of theire commission, whiche hereafter shal be dissolued, or determined by vertue of this acte. as to euerye Stippendarye Priest, and other Priest, whose Salary the king shalbe intituled vnto by this acte, as to euery fellow and poore persone, hauing yearely relefe out of any of the saide colleges, free chappelles, or chauntryes beinge within the limittes of theire commission. suche seueral yerely annuities, pencyons, or other recompenses, during their seueral liues, as to the same commissioners, or two of them shall bee thoughte meete and conuenyente. And ouer that the saide commissioners, or twoe of them at the least, shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this acte, and of the commissyon to them directed, to inquire, and trye by suche waies and meanes as they shall thinke meete and conuenient, what moneye, profyte and benefyte any poore persone, or persones by vertue of anye conueyghance, assurannce, composicion, will deuise, or otherwise, heretofore had,

had or made, intended or meant to haue continuance for euer, had, or enioyed, wythin fiue yeres, next before the beginning of thys present parliament out of any college, free chappelle, or chauntry, & other ỳ premisses geuen, limitted, or appointed to the king by this act, being wythin the limittes of their commission. And thereupon to make assignemẽts and orders in suche maner and fourme, as al and synguler suche fayde money, profite and commoditie shal bee paied to poore people for euer: Accordyng to suche fayde assurance, composicyon, wyl, deuise, or other thyng had or made, for the same, and to assigne and appoint, lands, tenementes, or other hereditaments, parcel of the premisses for the maintenaunce and continuaunce of the same for euer, and also to appoint to fraternityes, brotherheddes, and guildes, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes parcell of the premisses towardes and for the mayntenãce of piers, iutties, walles, or bankes, against the rages of the sea, hauens and creekes. And that al and singuler annuityes, pencions, and other recompences, shalbe halfe yerely payed to ỳ persones, to whom the same ought to be payed by the kynges assignes for the time being, of hys landes commonly called the suppressed lands, or other his reuenues, lying in the countie or citye, where such colledge, free chappel, or chauntry or other the premisses geuen, limitted or appointed to the king, by thys act, the first day of this present parliament, were or remained without any fee, or rewarde therfore to be paied: The first payment to begin at the feaste of saint Michaell the Archaungell nexte comming. And that euery suche receiuour, upon his accompt, shall haue full and due allowaunce of all suche annuities, pencions, & other recompences by him paied, by vertue of any such assignement to be made, by the said commissioners or two of them at the least.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the authority of this present parliament, that the said commissioners, and euery of them, that shall take upon hym ỳ execucio of any of the said commissions, shalbe bound, as he will answer before God, to execute the ẽmissio, to him & other directed beneficially towards the deanes, maisters, wardens, prouosts, & other incumbents, and ministers aforesaide, and towardes the poore people, concernyng the said assygnements, and also towardes the maintenance of piers, iutties, walles, or bankes, against the rages of the sea, hauens & creekes: And that al maner of assignements & ordinaunces to be made by the said commissioners, or two of thẽ at the least and certified under their seales or the seales of two of thõ at the least, unto ỳ kinges court of the augmentacyons & reuenues of his crowne, or to any other court or courtes, by the kinges maiesty to be made or assigned, shal by vertue of this acte, and of the saide commissioners, bee as good and effectuall in the law to al intẽts, cõstructions and purposes, as thoughe the same had ben assigned and ordeined by auctoritie of this present parliamẽt by expresse and apte wordes, termes, and sentences.

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Prouided also, that such annuities, pencions, or other recompences, that the saide commissioners, or any of them, shall assigne or appoynt to be paide yerely to any such deane, master, warden, gouernour, or other incumbent, felow, or minister, shall not extend to any more clere yerely value, then suche deane, master, warden, prouost, gouernor or other incumbent, felow, or minister, or his predecessor lawfully had, or enioyed in money, meate, drink, liuerie, or allowance of the same yerely, within fiue yeres, next before the beginning of this present parliament.

Prouided also, that if any of the said maisters, wardēs, prouosts, gouernors, or other incumbēts, felow, or ministers, shal at any time hereafter, during his life, be promoted by the king to any benefice, or other spirituall promocion, being of a better clere yerely value then hys sayde annuitie or pencion, or other recōpence shalbe of: that then thannuitie, penciō, or other recōpence, that any such deane, maister, warden, gouernor, prouost, or other incūbent, felow, minister, & so shalbe promoted shal haue, shal imediatly after such promociō had, cease, & vtterly determine.

And be it ordeined & enacted by thauctoritie of this presēt parliament, that the said commissioners, or two of them at the least, to whō any cōmission by vertue or meane of this act, shalbe directed & deliuered shalbe bounden vpon the forfaiture, of euery of them of a hundreth pounde, to make certificat vnder their seales, or the seales of two of thē at the least into the saide court of the augmentacions, and reuenues of ỳ kings crowne, or into any other court, as is aforesaid, wtin one yeare next after the commission to them directed, of al manours, lands, tenements, rents, tithes, portions, pencions, heredytaments, & recompēces by the same commissioners or two of them, assigned or appointed to any of the vses, intents, or purposes abuue mencioned.

And also be it ordeined & enacted, by thauctoritie of this presēt parliament, that our soueraigne lorde the king shall haue & enioy all suche goods, catels, iuels, plate, ornaments, & other moueables, as were or be the common goods of euery such college, chauntrye, free chappell, or stipendarie prist, belonginge or annexed to the furniture or seruices of their seuerall foundations, or abused of any of the saide corporaciōs, in the abuses aforesaid, ỳ properties wherof was not altered nor chaūged before the .viii. day of December in ỳ yere of our lord god M. D. xlvii.

And this also ordeined & enacted by thauctoritie of this presēt parliament, that al suche debtes and sūmes of money, as ought, or shoulde without fraude or couin hereafter be paied of the moneye or goods of any of ỳ said colleges, due, or payable, by reason of any cōtract, specialty or pēnaūce, had or made, before the same .viii. day, shal truely & fully be paied by ỳ treasorer of the kings court of thaugmentaciōs & reuenues of his crown, or by the tresorer or receiuer of any other court, to which any of the premisses shalbe appointed of the kinges treasure, beinge in his or their handes, with as conueniēt spede, as the same may be paid

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Prouided alwayes, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that this acte, or any article, clause, or matter conteyned in the same, shal not in any wise extēde to any College, Hostell, or Halle, being within eyther of the vniuersities of Cambrige and Oxforde, nor to any Chauntrie founded in any of the Colleges, Hostelles, or Halles, beinge in the same Vniuersities, nor to the free chappell of Sainct George, the Martire, situate in the Castle of Windesore, nor to the College, called sainct Mary College of Winchester, besides Winchester, of the foundation of Bishoppe Wikham, nor to the College of Eton, nor to the parish churche, commonly called the Chapel in the sea in Newton, within the Isle of Ely, in the countie of Cambrige, nor to anye Manours, landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, to them, or to anye of them pertaining, or belonging, nor to anye Chappel made or ordeined, for the ease of the people, dwelling distaunt from the parish churche, or suche like chappel, whereunto no more landes or tenementes, then the churchyarde, or a litle house or close, doth belong or perteine, nor to any cathedral church or College, where a Bishoppes sea is within thys realme of Englande, or in Wales, nor to the Manoures, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes of any of them, other then to such Chauntries, Obites, Lightes and Lampes, or any of them, as at any tyme within fiue yeres next before the begynning of thys present parlament, haue been hadde, vsed, or maintened, within the saide cathedrall churches, or within any of them, or the issues, reuenues, or profites of any of the said cathedral Churchs, to whiche Chauntries, Obites, lightes and lampes, it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that thys acte shall extende.

And it is ordeyned & enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that oure soueraigne lord the kyng at any tyme, during hys lyfe (whiche God lōg preserue, maye at hys will and pleasure, alter and chaunge the name or names, of all and singular Chauntries, and the Foundations of the same, being in any of the Colleges, Hostelles, or halles, of any of the sayde Vniuersities, according as to hys godly, wisedome shalbe thought mete and conuenient.

Sauing to all and euery persone and persons, bodies politike and corporate, theire heires and successours, and the heires and successoures of euerye of them, other then the Maisters, wardens, Ministers, Gouernoures, Rulers, Priestes, Incumbentes, Felowes, and brethren of the saide Colleges, Chauntries, freechappels, and other the premisses, geuē limitted, or appointed to the kyng by thys acte: & the successours of thē, and euery of them, and other then such as bee, or pretende to bee, foundoures, patrones, or donours of the premisses, or any of them, or of anye part or parcell therof, and the heires, successours and assignes of euery, or any of them: and other then such as bee, or were feoffees, recoueries, conisies, grauntees, or deuisees of any of the premisses, to, or for any of ỳ vses, purposes, or ententes aboue mentioned, or to the vse of anye of the

sayd Colleges, Free chappels, chauntries, or other the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed by thys act to the kyng, or to the entēt to employe the rentes or profites thereof, to the vse of Maisters, Rulers, Incumbentes, or Ministers of them, or any of them: and other then suche persone and persones, and bodies politike and corporate, theire heires, successours, and assignes, as claime or pretende, to haue estate, right, title, interest, vse, possession, or condition, of, in, or to the premisses, or any part or parcel thereof, by reason of anye feoffement, fine, bargain and sale, or by any other wayes, meanes, or conueighaunce to them made, of any estate of enheritaunce, without the saide late kynges licence, assent, consent, or agreement, and without the licence, assent, or agrement, of ỹ kinges Maiestie that nowe is, by any of the saide Deanes, maisters, Wardeines, ministers, gouernours, rulers, priests, or incumbentes, or by the Foundours, donours, or patrones of them, or of anye of them, all suche righte, title, clayme, possession, interest, rentes, annuities, commodities, commons, offices, fees, leases, liueries, liuinges, pencions, portions, debtes, dueties, and other profites, which they, or any of thē lawfully haue, or of right ought to haue, or might haue had, in, of, or to anye of the premisses, or in, of, or to any part or parcel therof, in such like maner, fourme and condition, to all ententes, respectes, constructions, and purposes, as if this act had neuer been had nor made, and as though the said Chauntries, colleges, and other the sayde promotions, had still continued and remained in their full being: and sauing to all and euerye Patrone, donour, foundour, or gouernour of any such college, Chauntrie, free chappel, Stipendary priestes, and other the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed to thē kyng by thys act, and the donour, feoffoure, and geuer of the aforesaide landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, to them, or anye of them, or to anye vses, or purposes before mentioned, all suche rentes, seruices, rentes secke, rentes charge, fees, annuities, profits, and offices: and also lease for terme of life, lyues, and yeres, whereupon the accustomed rent, or more, is reserued, as they, or any of them lawfully had, perceiued, and enioyed, in, out, or of any the sayd promotions, or out of any of the sayde landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, before the first day of thys present parlament.

And ouer that, it is ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie of thys present parlament, that all and euery persone and persons, beinge in life, which haue, or hath for any sōme of money to him or thē, payed, bargained, or solde, any Manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes aforesaide, whereunto the kyng our souereigne lord is intituled, by vertue of thys acte, shall repaye to suche persone, as so bought any of the sayde Manoures, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, or to hys Executours or assignes, vpon a requeste therfore made, or within three Monethes, then nexte ensuing the same requeste, as much money, as he, or they receiued, for the sale of any thing, so by hym or them solde,

And

And for none payment therof, such persone and persones as purchased, or bought the sayde landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, or any parcell therof, and their executours and administratours, shalbee enhabled by thauctoritie of thys present parlament, to sue, and maintain an action of debt at the common lawes of thys realme, against such person or persones, as so bargained or solde to hym or thē, or to their testatour anye of the premisses, belonging to any college, chauntrie, free chapel, or other promotion spirituall, in which action of debte, none essoine, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

And bee it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all, and euery of the saide chauntries, colleges, & freechapels, and other the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed to the kyng by thys acte, and all the mansion houses, manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamentes, and other the premisses whatsoeuer they be, geuen, limitted, & appointed to the kyng by thys acte, and euery parte and parcell of thē whiche by auctoritie and vertue of thys acte, been vested, adiudged, & demed, or shalbe in the kynges maiesties possession & handes, or whiche the kyng shalbe entitled vnto, by vertue of thys acte, shalbe in the order, surueye and gouernaunce of our souerein lord the kynges courte of the Augmentations and reuenues of his crowne, or in suche other court as the kyng at anye time hereafter shall assigne, name, or appointe, and so shall, and may be graunted, letten, and sette to the farme by the Chauncellour, officers, and ministres of the same courte, or of any other courte so to bee appointed, in suche maner and fourme, as other manoures, landes, tenementes, appointed to the same courte of Augmentations, and reuenues of hys graces Crowne, or other court so to be appointed, ben to bee graunted or letten: And that all the farmes, issues, reuenues and profites, comming & growing of the same premisses, and of euerye parte thereof, shalbe taken and receiued to the kynges vse, by the officers and ministers of the same court or courtes, in such maner and fourme, as is vsed and had of other manours, landes, and tenements, & of the issues, reuenues, and profits of the same, committed to the order, rule, surueye, and gouernance of the sayd court of the Augmentations and reuenues of the kyngs crowne, or any other court so to bee appointed: any act, statute, ordinaunce, custome, or vse, heretofore had, made, or vsed, to the cōtrary notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that if any of the saide Maisters, Wardeins, Ministers, Rulers, Gouernours, Priestes, Incumbentes, or owners of any suche college, chauntrie, free chappell, or of any the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed to the kyng by this acte, or of any of them, sithens the xxiii. day of Nouembre, in the xxxvii. yere of the reigne of ỳ said late kyng, haue made any lease, vnder hys or theire common Seale, or otherwise, for terme of yeres, lyfe, or lyues, of theire sayde colleges, chauntries, freechapels, or of other the same pre-

misses, or of any part thereof, or of any Manours, Landes, Tenements, possessions, or hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, to them, or to any of them, vnited, or annexed, belonging, or appertayninge, vpon the whiche leasses, the vsual and olde rentes and fermes, accustomed to bee yelden and reserued, or more, by the space of xx. yeres next before the saide xxiii. daye of Nouembre, not reserued and yelden, shalbe vtterly voide and of none effecte: and that all other leasses and grauntes, heretofore made of any the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed to the kynge by thys acte, shalbe as good, auaileable, and effectual in the law, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if this act had neuer been had, or made, any thing in this act, or any other act hertofore had or made, to the contrary thereof, in anye wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, & be it further ordeined & enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that thys acte, or any thing therein conteined, shall not extende to anye manours, lands, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes, whiche the saide Maistres, wardeins, Ministres, Chauntrie priestes, Incumbentes, or other the sayde Gouernours, Officers, ministers, or rulers of the premisses, or of anye of them, hath, or is, or hereafter shal haue, or bee possessed, or seased of in fee simple, fee taile general or special for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, or otherwise, to hys or theire owne proper vses, by enheritaunce, or purchase: and not beinge at anye time vnited, or annexed, to hys or theire saide Colleges, Free chappels, Chauntries, or other the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed to the kynge by thys acte: nor shall extende to anye Manoures, landes, tenementes, possessions, rentes, annuities, and yerelye pencion, or pencions, or to any yerelye summe, or summes of money, being not vnited, or parcell of any the sayde Colleges, and other the premisses aforesayde, or of anye of thē heretofore geuen or graunted by the saide late kyng, or geuen or graunted, or hereafter to be geuen or graūted by the kyng our souereigne lord, to any of the said Deanes, Maisters, wardeins, Ministers, Chauntrie priestes, Incumbentes, gouernours, or rulers of the premisses, or of any of them, for terme of lyfe onely, vnder hys greate Seale of England, or vnder the Seale of the Courte of the Augmentations, and reuenues of the kynges crowne, or any other of the kynges seales, of any of hys courtes: any thing conteined in thys act, to the cōtrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alway, and bee it enacted by auctho̅itie aforesayde, that aswel, all and euery patrone, Donour, Foundour, and geuer of any of the saide promotions, or premisses, or geuer, donour, or Feoffer, of any their Landes, Tenementes, Possessions, or other hereditamentes, as all and euerye persone and persones, bodies politike and corporate, whiche before the making of thys Acte, lawfullye without fraude or couine, had, or enioyed, any maner of rent, or other yerely profites, to bee taken, perceiued, or had, of any Chauntries, colleges, free chappelles, or other the

premisses,

premisses,geuen,limitted,or appointed to the kyng by thys acte,or oute of anye Manours,Landes,Tenementes, or other possessions of them, or any of them shall haue and enioy the same,in like maner and fourme, as they should and ought to haue doen,if the saide colleges,chauntries, free chappelles,and other the premisses geuen,limitted, or appointed to the kynge by thys acte,had still remained and continued in esse, and full being: any thing in thys act mentioned to the contrary in anye wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also,and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde,that yf anye suche gouernour,ruler,wardein,maister,incumbent,minister,or other hauing any of the said spiritual promotions,or incumbentes, haue, or shal compounde for the first fruites of any such spiritual promotions, accordinge to the lawes and statutes of thys Realme,and the dayes of payment of any part therof,not expired before the first day of thys parlament,that all summes of money so to bee due and payable sithens the sayd first daye of thys parlament,shall ceasse,and bee not payd,asked,or demaunded: any bonde,recognisaunce,suertie,or other thing had, or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided always,& be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd,that all suche rentes,seruices,issues,profites,and other summes of money payable out,of,or for any of the premisses, or any of thē, in the kyngs courte of hys Excheker,shall continue, and be continually and yerelye leuied, charged,or paied in the same courte,in suche maner and fourme, as herto fore hath ben vsed: any lawe,custome,vnitie of possession in the kynges hyghnesse,or other thing to the contrary notwithstanding: And as though the said promotions,Manours,landes,tenementes, and other the premisses had not come to the kyngs handes or possession.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde,that all and euery letters patentes made by the said late king Henry the eight,or by the kyngs maiestie that now is,or hereafter to be made by hys hyghnes, to any persone or persones,or to any archbishoppe,or bishoppe, of any of the saide colleges,chauntries,free chappelles, or other the premisses, or any part or parcel of them,or of any landes,tenements or hereditamentes,belonging or appertaining,or that did belong, or apperteine to thē, or to anye of them: And all fines,giftes,grauntes,feoffements, recoueries,and all other assurances and conueighaunces therof had or made, by the assent,consent,or licence,vnder the great Seale of Englande, of the sayde late kynge Henrye the eighte,or of the kynges Maiestie that now is,to anye persone or persones,bodies politike or corporate,by any Chauntrie priest,Maister,wardein,minister,ruler,gouernour, or other haunge anye of the sayde promotions, of anye of the sayde Colleges, chauntries,free chappels,or other the premisses,or of any of them, or of any part,parcell,or membre of the same,shall stande and bee in their force,and effectes, and shalbee good and effectual in the lawe, for suche

eſtatutes and intereſtes,geuen,graunted,limitted, or appointed in any of the gyftes,grauntes,aſſurances,or conueighances therof had or made,according to their purportes,fourme & maner,and according to the true entent and meaning of the ſame aſſurances, and ſhalbee by auctheritie of thys acte,good,parfite,and auaileable,aſwel againſt the kynge, hys heires and ſucceſſours,as againſt the ſaide chauntrie prieſtes,wardeins,maiſters,rulers,gouernours,and other hauing any of the ſayde promotions,and their ſucceſſours,and the ſucceſſours of euery of them: as alſo againſt the foundours,donours,and patrones of the ſame,& the ordinary of them,and euery of them,and the heires and ſucceſſoures of euery of them: any lawe,ſtatute,ordinaunce,or other thing, to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

And where diuers and ſundrye Biſhoppes,Deanes, Archedeacones, Treaſaurours,Prebendaries,Chauntrie prieſtes,maiſters, prouoſtes, Rulers,Gouernours of anye Deaneries,Archedeaneries, Treaſaurorſhippes,Prebendes,freechappels,Chauntries,or Colleges,within this realme of England,and other the kyngs Maieſties dominions, or any of the patrones,foundours,donours of any of the Biſhoprickes, Treaſaurourſhippes,Deaneries,Chauntries,free chappels,or other the ſaid Spiritual promotions,of their voluntary willes or mindes , for diuers good and reaſonable cauſes and conſiderations,by deede or deedes enrolled,or by other writinges,or conueighaunces heretofore geuen and graunted to the late king of famous memory Henry the eight,late king of Englād,& to hys heyrs,or to our ſouereigne lord the kyng that now is,and to hys heires,diuers of their Deaneries,Archedeaneries, Treaſaurorſhippes,Prebendes,Chappelles, Chauntries,& colleges, or anye other eccleſiaſticall or ſpirituall promotions laſt before remembred and all,or ſome part of the Manoures,landes,tenementes,tithes, pencions, annuities,rentes,reuertions,and other reuenues,hereditamentes, poſſeſſions,emolumentes and profites,to the ſame Biſhoprikes,deaneries, colleges,and other like promotions,benefices,offices,& dignities, or to any of them belonging,apperteining,vnited,or annexed, or whiche the ſaide biſhoppes,deanes,archedeacons,treaſaurors, chauntrie prieſtes, maiſters,prouoſtes,rulers,gouernours,and other Eccleſiaſticall,or ſpiritual officers or miniſters,or any of the ſaid patrones,donours,or foundours,or any of them had,or enioyed in the right, or by reaſon of any of the ſame promotions,offices,or dignities.

Be it enacted by the auctheritie aforeſaide, that all and euery gyftes, and grauntes heretofore made to the ſaid late kyng , and to hys heires, or to our ſouereigne lord the kyng that now is,and to hys heirs,by any Archebiſhoppe,Biſhoppe,Deane,Archedeacon, Treaſaurour, Prebendary,Maiſter,Prouoſt,gouernoure,or other the ſaide Eccleſiaſticall or ſpiritual perſone or perſons,or by any patrones,donour, or foundour of

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any of the said Deaneries, Chauntries, or other of the sayd spiritual, or Ecclesiastical promotions, or of all, or any of the manours, landes, tenementes, tithes, rentes, reuersions, pencions, portiõs, annuities, or other hereditamentes, reuenues, emolumentes, profites, or commodities, to any of the said benefices, offices, prebendes, promotions, or dignities belonging, apperteinyng, vnited, or annexed, or whiche any of the same archebishoppes, Bishoppes, Deanes, Archedeacons, Treasaurours, Masters, Prouostes, Prebendaries, Rulers, Gouernours, Officers, or Ministers, Patrones, Foundours, or Donours, had, or enioyed, or haue, or enioye, or ought to haue or enioye, in the righte, or by reason, or meanes of any of the same promotions, offices, or dignities, shalbe good & effectuall in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes: Sauing to all and euery persone and persones, and bodies politike and corporate, theire heires, successours, and assignes, and to the heires, successours, and assignes of euery of them, other then the Archebishops, Bishops, Deanes, Archdeacons, treasaurours, prebendaries, rulers, gouernoures, wardeines, prouostes, geuours, and grauntours of any of the premisses, & their heires, successours, and assignes, and other then suche ecclesiasticall, or spirituall persones, bodies politike or corporate, as are, or pretende to bee foundours, donours, patrons, or ordinaries of the premisses, or any of them, all such rightes, titles, interestes, claimes, entrees, rentes, reuersions, remainders, fees, offices, annuities, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, profites, commodities, and emolumentes, as they or any of them haue, or should, or ought to haue had, of, in, or to the premisses next aboue mẽtioned, or any part therof, as if this act had neuer ben had, or made, any thing in thys act to the contrary in anye wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that thys acte, or any thing therin conteined, shall not in any wise extende to make good or effectuall, any gyft, graunt, bargain, sale, or alienation made by anye person, or Vicare of theire Personages, or Vicarages, or of any part or parcell thereof, or of any thing to them, or any of them belonging or apperteining.

Prouided also, that thys acte, or any thing therein conteined, shall not in any wise extende, to hinder or preiudice George Brooke knight, lord Cobhã, his heires, or assignes, for, or cõcerninge the late college of Cobham, in the Countie of Kente, or the Manours, landes, tenementes, or possessions therof: any thing aboue mentioned to ỹ contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, by the authoritie aforesaid, that this present acte, or any thing therein conteined, shall in any wise extende, or be preiudicial or hurtful to the general corporatiõ of any citie, borough, or Towne, within thys realme, or anye other the kynges dominiõs, ne shall extende to anye the landes, or hereditamentes, of them, or anye of them: Any thing herein conteined, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all suche of the saide colleges, free chappels, chauntries, and other the premisses, being appointed and geuen to the kynges hyghnesse, by the auctoritie of thys act, as be within the Duchie of Lancaster, & all manoures, Landes, Tenementes, and hereditamentes, perteining or belonging to the same colleges, free chappels, and chauntries, shall after the said feast of Easter nexte comming, be within the surueye & order of the courte of the Duchie of Lancastre, in suche maner and fourme, as other the premisses bee assigned or appointed by auctoritie of thys acte, to be in the surueye and order of the Court of the Augmentations and reuenues of the kynges crowne, or other court by the kyng to be assigned: and that all commissions, that hereafter shalbe awarded by vertue & force of this acte, concerning suche colleges, free chappels, chauntries, and other the premisses, as bee within the said Duchie of Lancastre, shalbe awarded vnder the great seale of England, & shalbe certified into the same courte of the Duchie of Lancastre: any thing abouesaid to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, & bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte, ne any thing therein contcined, shall extende to the College, or chauntrie of Attylbourghe in the countie of Norffolke, which the sayde late king Henry the eight gaue to Robart, late Earle of Sussex, & to his heirs: but that Henry now Earle of Sussex, sonne and heire to the said late Erle, hys heires and assignes, shall, & maye, by thauctoritie of thys acte, haue and enioy the sayde college, and chauntrie, and all Manours, Landes, Tenementes, aduowsons, tithes, pencions, portions, and other hereditaments thereunto belonging or appertaining: any thing in this acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided always, and by the auctoritie aforesaide, bee it enacted, that the kynges Maiestie, at any tyme, when it shal seeme to hym good, may geue auctoritie to certain hys graces commissioners, to alter the nature and condition of all maner of Obites, aswell within the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxforde, as in any other place, within thys hys graces realme of Englande and Wales, being not suppressed ne annichilate by vertue of thys present acte, and the same Obites so altered, to dispose to a better vse, as to the releefe of some poore men being studētes, or otherwise.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that it shal not be lefull to any persone or persones, bodies politike or corporate, by reason of anye remainder, vse, or condition, to enter into, clayme, or challenge any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, for the none doynge, not naming, or none finding of anye suche priest or priestes, or poore folkes, as is aforesaide, obite, anniuersary, light or lampe, from hencefoorth to be founden or doen: any thing herein conteined, to the cōtrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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Prouided alwayes, that thys act, nor any thing therein conteined, shal in any wise extende to any landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer, that any maister, Deane, Prebendary, wardein, or chauntrie, or any Stipendary priest of any college, chauntrie, prebende, fraternitie, guylde, or any other corporations haue, or holde of any persone or persones, by copie of courte rolle, or at will, according to the custome of any manour or manours: nor geue or graunt any copyhold landes to the kynges hyghnesse.

And also prouided, that the kynges highnes, his heires, or successours, shall not in any wise haue, holde, enioy, or take by vertue of thys acte, or any article therin conteined, any maner of copyhold, landes, tenements, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be: but that all & euery of the saide persones and incumbentes shall haue, holde, and enioye the same, during their liues, towardes their pencion and yerely liuing, paying the rentes, and doing their customes and seruices thereof due & accustomed: any thing in thys acte, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided, that thys act shall not extende to any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes assigned, appointed, or intended for the findinge, or maintenaunce of anye chauntrie priest, or stipendary priest, whiche by any former right, and good title, without fraude or couine, were lawfully recouered from the possession of any such chauntrie priest, or stipendarie priest, before the first day of Octobre: the saide xxvii. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight, whiche landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes were not charged, nor chargeable to the paiment of the perpetual tenthe: any thing in thys act, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singular grauntes, licences, confirmations, & letters Patentes, whiche our late souereigne lord kyng Henry the eight, or our souereign lord the kyng that now is, haue made vnder the great seale of England to any persone or persones, bodies politike or corporate, of anye college, chappel, or chauntrie nowe being in esse, or standing, or now not beinge in esse, or not standing, or of any lordshippes, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belonging, or apperteining to any college, chappell, or chauntrie now being in esse, or standing, or now not being in esse, or not standing, or of anye other thing or thinges mentioned, expressed, or conteined in any such graunt, licence, confirmation, or letters patentes, shall from henceforth bee demed, taken, expouned, & adiudged good and effectual in the lawe, according to the wordes, sentences, meaninges, ententes, fourme, and effectes of the same grauntes, licences, confirmations, and letters patentes, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if thys acte, and the sayde acte made in the sayde xxvii. yere of the said late kyng Henry the eight, had neuer ben had, nor

made. And that thys act, or the said act made in the sayde xxxvii. yere of the reigne of our said late souereigne lord kyng Henry the eight, or any clause, article, sentence, or other thing therein conteined, shal not extend to any Colleges, Chappels, Chauntries, or other thing or thinges mentioned in this act, now being in esse, or stãding, or now not being in esse, or not standing, or to any manours, lands, tenementes, possessions, reuenues, or hereditaments, annexed, vnited, belonging, or apperteininge to any College, Chappell, Chauntrie, or other thing mentioned in this act now being in esse or standing, or now not being in esse, or not standing, or to anye other thing or thinges, mentioned, or expressed in thys Acte: whiche any persone or persones, bodies politike or corporate haue had, or obteined, by the assent, licence, cõfirmation, graunt, or letters Patentes of the said late kyng, or of the kyngs Maiestie that now is: nor shall extende to any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Reuenues, possessiõs, hereditamentes, or other thing or thinges, mentioned, expressed, or conteined in any such licence, confirmation, graunt, or letters patentes: but that euerye suche persone and persones, bodies politike and corporate, their heires & successours and assignes, and the heires, successoures, and assignes of euery of them, shall haue, holde, and enioy, all and euerye the same colleges, chappels, Chauntries, Manours, landes, Tenementes, Reuenues, Possessions, and Hereditamentes, and all and euerye other thing and things whatsoeuer, so by them had or obteined, by the assent, licence, confirmation, graunte, or letters Patentes of the sayde late kyng, or of the kynges Maiestie that now is, according to the woordes, sentences, fourme, effecte, meaning, and entent of the same lycences, confirmations, grauntes, and Letters Patentes: thys acte, or the sayde acte made in the sayd xxxvii. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight, or any clause, article, sentence, matter, or thing mencioned, expressed, or conteined in any of the same actes, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

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¶An acte concerning the kyngs most gratious generall Pardone.

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THe kynges moste Royal Maiestie right well perceiuing hys louing subiects by many and sundry waies and meanes, to haue borne & susteined the great aduentures, charges, and businesse of warres, & defences of thys hys realme, aswel in the tyme of his most dere father kyng Henry the eight, as in his time and reigne, entending of hys clemẽcie and pity to gratify hys sayd subiects with his gratious free and liberal pardon, according to hys kyngly power, trusting assuredly that his said subiectes will cõtinue hys louing & assured obediẽt subiects, & hereafter in such sort obey hys highnesse lawes & statutes, as to thẽ, and euery of thẽ of right appertaineth: is fully and resolutelye contented & pleased, that it bee enacted by aucthoritie of thys present parliament, in maner & fourme following, that is to say, that all and euerye of hys said subiects, aswell spirituall as temporall, of thys hys realme of Englande, Wales, the Iles of Jerneley and Garneley, Barwicke, Caleis, Guisnes, Hammes, Bulleyn, and Bullenoys, and the marches of the same, the heires, successours, executours, and administratours of them and euery of thẽ, and all and singular bodies in any maner of wise corporate, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and Tithings, and euery of them, and the successour and successoures of euerye of them, shalbe by the aucthoritie of thys present Parlamente, acquited, pardoned, released and discharged againste the kynges highenes, hys heires, successoures, and executours, and euerye of them, of all maner of Treasons, Heresies, Felonies, Robberies, offences, Contemptes, Trespasses, wronges, deceiptes, misdemeanours, forfeitures, penalties, and profites, summes of money, peines of death, peines corporall and pecuniarie, and all other thinges, causes, quereles, sutes, iudgementes, and executions, which may be, or can be by hys highnesse in anye wise, or by any meane pardoned, before, and vnto the xvi. daye of Decembre, in the yere of oure Lord God a M.CCCCC. xlvii. Other then suche as hereafter in thys acte bee excepted or forexpriſed, in such maner and fourme, and vnto such times as they be excepted or forexpriſed in thys act: and other then such as the clauses or prouisos hereafter mentioned, doth extende vnto. And also the kinges highnesse is further contented and pleased, that it bee enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parlament, that thys hys said free pardone shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, to euery of hys sayde subiectes, bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, and to euerye of them, by the saide generall

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wordes before rehearsed in all thinges, which bee not hereafter in thys present act excepted or forprised, as the same pardon shoulde haue been, if all offences, contemptes, forfeitures, causes, matters, sutes, querelles, iudgementes, executions, penalties, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted, nor conteined in any clause of prouiso herafter mentioned, had been, particularly, singularly, specially, and plainely named, rehearsed, & specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names, in their kyndes, natures, and qualities, by wordes and termes thereūto requisite, to haue ben put in, and expressed in thys present act of free pardone: and that hys sayd subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heires, executours or administratours of any of them, nor any of the said bodies corporate, nor any other persons, bodies politike or corporat before named, or anye of them, bee, nor shalbe sued, vexed, or inquieted in their bodies, goodes, landes, or cattalles, for any maner matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanour, forfeiture, trespasse, offence, or any other thing, suffred, doen or cōmitted against his hyghnes, his crown, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe or statutes, but onely for suche matters, causes, and offences, as bee rehearsed in the exceptions and clauses of prouiso, in thys present act hereafter mentioned, in suche maner and fourme as in the same exceptiōs & clauses of prouiso be mentioned, and for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vses, or president heretofore had, made, or vsed, to the contrarye in any wise notwithstanding.

Also the kynges hyghnesse, of hys bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritie of thys present parlament, graunteth and freely geueth to euery of hys sayde subiectes, and to euerye of the said bodies corporate and other before rehearsed, and to euery of them, all suche goodes, cattalles, debtes, fines, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfeitures and summes of money by anye of them forfeicted, which to hys hyghnes doe, or shoulde belong or appertain by reason of any offence, contēpt, trespasse, misdemeanour, matter, cause, or querele suffred, doen or committed by them, or anye of them, whiche be not hereafter forprised or excepted in thys present act. And that all and euery the kynges sayde subiectes, and all and singulet bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, maye by hym or themselfe, or by hys or their deputie or deputies, or by hys or their attorney, or attorneyes, accordinge to the lawes of thys Realme, pleade and minister thys present act of free pardon for hys or their discharge, of, & for euerye thing, that is by vertue of this present act pardoned, discharged, geuen, or graunted without any fee or other thing, in any wise payinge to anye person or persons, for writing, or entric of the iudgement, or other cause cōcerning such plee, writing or entrie, but onely xii.d. to bee payed to the officer or clerke that shall entre the plee, matter or iudgemēt, for the discharge of any the partie so pleading the same: anye statute, or vse, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And furthermore, the kyngs hyghnesse is contented and pleased, that

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it be enacted, by the auctho̅itie of̅ thys p̅sent parliament, that his sayd free pardone, by the general woo̅des before rehearsed, shalbe reputed, demed, and adiudged, allowed, and taken in all maner of courtes, & els where, aswell in the woo̅des and clauses of exceptions and fo̅rep̅ises specified in thys p̅sent act, as in all and singuler other clauses, wo̅ds, and sentences, mentioned and rehearsed in thys hys sayde free pardone most beneficially and availeably, to all and singular hys saide subiectes, bodies co̅porate, and other before rehearsed, and to euery of the̅, in all thinges ambiguous, o̅ doubtfull, and moste strongly in Barre, and discharge against hys hyghnesse, hys heires, successoures, and executours, in euery thing, without any obstacle, challenge, o̅ other delay, whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, obiected, o̅ alleged by ẏ king our souereigne lo̅d, his heirs, successours, o̅ executours, o̅ by his, o̅ any of their general attorney, o̅ atturneys, o̅ by any persone o̅ persons, fo̅ hys hyghenes, o̅ any of hys heires, successours, o̅ executours.

And furthermo̅re, it is enacted by the kyng our Souereigne Lo̅d, by auctho̅itie of this p̅sent parlament, that ẏ any officer o̅ clerke, of any of hys hyghnesse courtes, commonly called the kynges benche, Chauncery, & Common place, o̅ of hys Exchecker, o̅ any other officer o̅ clerke of any other court within thys realme, o̅ in Wales, o̅ other the kynges dominions aboue mentioned, at any tyme after the twentie daye of Ianuary next comminge, which shalbe in the yere of our Lo̅de God a.M.CCCCC.xlvii. make out, o̅ write out any maner writtes, o̅ other p̅ocesse, o̅ any extractes, sommons, o̅ other p̅ceptes, whereby anye of the sayde subiectes, o̅ anie of the sayde bodies co̅porate, o̅ other before rehearsed, o̅ any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distreined, sommoned, o̅ otherwise vexed, inquieted, o̅ grieued in his o̅ theire bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes, o̅ cattalles, o̅ in any of the̅, fo̅, o̅ because of any maner of thing pardoned o̅ discharged, by v̅tue of this act of free pardone, he so offending, and therof lefully condē̅pned, shal yelde and paye fo̅ the recompence therof, to the partie so grieued o̅ offended, treble damages, to bee accompted, as parcel of the damages and costes of the suite. And neuertheless, all and singular such writtes, p̅ocesse, extractes and p̅ceptes so to be made, fo̅, o̅ vpon any maner thing pardoned o̅ discharged by thys p̅sente acte of free pardone, shalbee vterlye voide and of none effect.

Excepted alwayes and fo̅rep̅ised out of̅ thys general and free pardō, all and all maner of hyghe Treasons, petit Treason, and mis̄p̅ision of Treason, doen, committed, o̅ perpetrated, in any of the parties beyonde the sea, and all and all maner of Treason, doen, o̅ committed in anye other place, by any persone o̅ persones, by any ouert deede, whereby any bodily hurt o̅ harme shal come, o̅ be doen to the kynges onely persone, and all suites, punishementes, executions, fo̅feictures and penalties, fo̅ o̅ by reason o̅ occasion of anye of the same Treasons, before excepted.

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And excepted all prepensed and voluntary murders, and also except al titles of actions, of Quare impedit, all rauishments, and withholding of the kyngs Wardes and Wardes landes, and the profites of the same at anye tyme growen to the kyngs handes, or to anye of hys noble progenitoures, and not yet discharged, all wastes of the kynges woodes, aswell in Parkes, Forestes, chases, and els where, and all summes of money graunted, or promised to be payed, by waye or meane of beneuolēce or contribution not payed and contented: and all and singuler debtes, other then debtes growen vpon Recognisaunces, being alreadye forfeited for suertie of the peace, good abearing, or for none apparaunce at any day or place. And excepted and forprised out of this pardon, all maner of accoumptes, and all actions, suites, and impetitions for the same, and all arrerages of accomptes and debtes due for the same. And also, excepted all homages, liueries, and reliefes, rentes, seruices, and arrerages of the same, not doen, or not paied. And also excepted al debtes, which wer due to the kyngs hyghnesse, or to the sayd late kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the eight, or to the late kyng Henry the vii. or to any person or persons, to the vse of the kyng our souereigne lord, or of hys saide father, or kyng Henry the vii. by anye condemnation, recognisaunce, obligatiō, or otherwise. And also excepted all and singuler forfeitures being due to our souereigne Lord the kyng, or to the sayde late kynge, by any penal statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted into the nature of debte, by iudgement, or by agreement of the offendour, and al forfeitures, and other penalties and profites, growen, or due by reason of any offence or acte committed or doen, contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, wherof any seisure is made, or any information is geuen in the kynges Excheker, or any suite there commensed, & now depending, and not yet determined: Or wherof the kynges hyghenesse, or his sayde father, by bill assigned, or otherwise, haue made any gift or assignement, to any of the seruaunts of our said souereigne lord the kyng, or of hys said father, or to any other persone or persones.

Also except and forprised out of thys free pardone, all and all maner of forgeing, counterfepcting, washing, and clipping of Whatsoener moneye or coyne, currant in thys Realme, and the bringing into thys Realme of any false or counterfeict moneye or coigne, made, forged, or counterfeit out of this realme, and the vttering of any such false or counterfeict money or coyne, had, made, done, or perpetrated, sithen the xxvii. day of January last past, & all & all maner of offences, impetitions, punishements, forfeitures, peines of deathe, iudgementes, and execution for the same. And also, except and forprised out of thys free pardone, all and singular fines to be had, made, or payed, by reason or meane of anye alienation, had or made of any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamētes without licence, sithen the sayde xxvii. day of January. Also excepte & forprised out of thys free pardon, all and all maner of manslaughters,

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Burgularies,roberies,of any persone or persones,in any house, or nere anye hygh waye,and wilful burning of houses, and wilful burninge of Barnes,in whiche Barnes any corne was,at the time of such burning, and all maner of rauishmentes of any woman against her will,all felonious takyng of any money or goodes,out of any churche or chappel, al and all maner of felonious taking of any horse,gelding,or mare,and all maner of piracies and offences vpon the Sea,had,done,committed, or perpetrated,sithen the first day of August last past: and all maner of punishementes,impeticions,forfeitures,peines of deathe, Judgementes, and executions for the same.And except and forprised out of thys free pardon,all,& all maner of intrusions,had,made,or doen,sithen the saide xxvii.day of January last past.And except and forprised out of this free pardone,all and all maner of deceptes and offences, of all and singular moniers,and other officers,ministers,& workemen,of, or in any of the Mintes within thys realme,and all impetitions and punishementes for the same.And except and forprised out of thys free Pardone,all and all maner of decaying of any mesuage,cotage,or house,and the conuerting of landes from tillage vnto pasture,contrary to any statute, heretofore had or made.And except and forprised the issues, reuenues,& profites of all and singular suche Mesuages,cotages,houses,and Landes,comming,arising,or growing,sithen the saide xxvii.daye of Januarye laste past.And except and forprised out of thys free pardone, all and singular collectours,or collectour of any Subsidie,fiftene,benevolence, or contribution,and other persones whatsoever, that ought to be accomptaunt, and the heirs,executours,and administratours of euery of them,of,for, and concerninge all maner of debtes,accoumptes, and arrerages of accoumptes,& all maner of concelementes of customes and subsidies, and all maner of impetitions and suites for the same. And except & forprised out of thys free pardon,all and singular persones and persone,being the ii.daye of Decembre,in the yere of our Lord God M.D.xlvii.prisoners or prisoner,in the tower of London,& all and singular persons and persone,which at any time,before the ii.day of Decembre, did flie out of thys realme,into the parties beyond the sea,for anye treason,or misprision of treason.And except and forprised out of this free pardone, all issues,fines,and amerciaments,assered, taxed,set,extracted,or entred severally or perticularly,extending to the somme of an C.s.or aboue.And that al and singular other fines,aswel fines pro licentia concordandi as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes,aswell reall as other, which severally or perticularly,erred not to the same some of C.s. whether they be totted or not totted,taken to the charge of the sherife,or not taken to his charge,extracted,or not extracted,whether they be torned into debt or not into debte,and not being levied,nor receiued by any shirife or shirifes,bailife,ministers,or other officers,shalbe fully,clerely,and plainely pardoned,& discharged against the king our soverreigne lord, hys heirs

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and ſucceſſours for euer, by thys preſent acte of free pardone.

And bee it further enacted by the auctho*r*itie afore*ſ*ayd, that in caſe it be obiected, to, or againſt any Sherik or Sherifes, or other accomptantes in the kynges court of Eſcheker, or in anye other hys Courtes, that anye Sherite or Sherifes, other then officers accomptant, haue receyued or taken any ſuch fines, iſſues, or amerciaments, by thys preſent act pardoned and acquited: that then euery ſuche Sherik and Sherifes, & other accomptantes ſhalbe diſcharged, releaſed, pardoned, and acquited therof, by hys or their othe, without any further triall in that behalfe.

Prouided alway, that thys preſent act of free pardone, nor anye thing therein conteined, in any wiſe extend to diſcharge, remit, or acquite, any perſone and perſones, for anye ſuche iſſues, fines, or amerciamentes, of one hundred ſhillinges or vnder, as any Shirife heretofore haue accoũpted, before the Barones of the kynges Excheker, or els where, & payed the ſame Iſſues, Fines, and Amerciamentes, vpon hys or their ſaid accoumpte, determined to the kyngs vſe, and hath hys or their quietus eſt for the ſame.

Prouided alway, and bee it enacted, by the auctho*r*itie of thys preſent parlament, that all and euery perſone and perſones, which haue tended or ought to ſue liuery out of the kyngs handes, of any Manours, lãdes, tenementes and hereditamentes whatſoeuer they bee, ſhall ſue hys or their liuerie and liueries, out of the kynges handes, of hys or their Manours, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes: any article, acte or actes, thing or thinges, in thys preſent acte of generall and free pardone, compriſed and ſpecified, to the contrarye notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwayes, & bee it enacted by the auctho*r*itie afore*ſ*aide, that it ſhalbe lefull to all and euery clerke, and other officer of any of the kynges Courtes, to awarde and make writtes of Capias vtlagatum, at the ſuite of the partie pleintife, to the entente to compel the defendaunt and defendauntes, to make aunſwere to the plaintife, at whoſe ſuite he was outlawed. And that euery perſone now being outlawed, ſhal ſue a writ of Scire facias againſt the partie or parties, at whoſe ſuite he was outlawed before, hys pardone in that behalfe ſhalbe allowed to hym, that ſo is outlawed.

God ſaue the Kyng.

¶Excuſum Londini, in ædibus Richardi Graftoni,
Regii Impreſſoris.

¶Anno. M.D.xlviii.

¶Cum priuilegio ad imprimendum ſolum.